

Baker is quick to discover hazards

From Mitchell Platt

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TUC hears of Labour's hopes for return to intervention

Kinnock plan for future has echo of past

Mr Kinnock called for a return to consensus politics and pledged the creation of a million jobs

Mr Ray Buckton, the rail union chief, became the latest left-winger to be voted off the TUC council

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday held out the prospect of a return to the interventionist political and economic policies of the 1960s and 1970s as he laid the proposals for a future Labour government before the TUC annual conference in Brighton.

Union leaders and delegates welcomed his call for a renewed consensus embracing all sides of industry to tackle unemployment.

In making jobs his top priority, Mr Kinnock was rewarding the union chiefs for their efforts this week to smooth his path to Downing Street by striving to cloak their differences beneath a public display of unity.

But in a key passage of his address to the conference, aimed at heading off the politically damaging charge that Labour is again set to become the prisoner of the trade union barons, Mr Kinnock said he would not bow to sectional interests.

He said: "In this movement we hold to the fundamental belief that government must strive to serve all of the people, that government exists to serve the wide public interest and not narrow vested interests."

A tough, uncompromising Mr Kinnock savaged the Conservatives as the "architects of the country's ruin" and derided them as the "enemies of consensus", contemptuous of give and take and eager to impose their will on others.

He said: "For the sake of the whole country we want government with agreement. Shared objectives. Consensus. It doesn't call for dumb deference, for regimentation, for the loss of individuality."

"It doesn't call either for a cosy, cosmetic embrace that isn't worthy of the name consensus. That wouldn't outlive the first test of reality, take the first strain."

"It does call for this movement and for everyone else to understand that our common condition in this country is such that we either live and work together or decline without work separately."

Mr Kinnock struck a cord running deep through this week's deliberations at Brighton: the necessity for practical policies that will convince the electorate that Labour is serious about regaining power and capable of galvanizing the

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Unions in talks for super alliance

By Our Political Reporter

Leaders of moderate trade unions yesterday held secret talks aimed at forming a conglomerate of 1.8 million members, eclipsing even the left-dominated Transport and General Workers Union, the country's biggest.

The meeting during the Trades Union Congress conference in Brighton was set up by Mr Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, and Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic and Plumbing Trade Union.

The move for a centre-right alliance revives a plan drawn up by the late Mr Terry Duffy when he was president of the engineers. It is thought to stand a good chance of success given the determination of the two men to counter the influence of the left in the TUC's upper echelons.

With membership falling throughout the labour movement, all unions are under pressure to cut costs and amalgamations are becoming increasingly common.

Among the other general secretaries present at the meeting were Mr Roy Grantham of the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff and Mr Albert Williams of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians.

Mr Roy Evans, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, was prevented by his national executive from being present but remained keen to forge an alliance with the engineers.

The talks will continue in coming months and if the moderate can succeed in their balancing act, they would end the traditional dominance of the 1.4 million-strong TGWU over the labour movement.

The move will worry Mr Ron Todd, the leader of the transport workers, who has been trying to stem a slide in his membership by trying to woo the 250,000-strong UCUAT. But these plans have collapsed with the hard left's loss of control of the building workers' executive.

Union power politics lie behind the move to create the so-called "super union". The left-wing unions massing to forge new alliances, their opposite numbers on the right feel they must respond in kind.



Mr Kinnock hammering home a point yesterday.

Russians say 79 dead, 319 lost in cruise liner

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Official figures supplied yesterday by the Soviet Government confirmed that the dramatic sinking of a crowded cruise liner, the Admiral Nakhimov, in the Black Sea was the worst disaster in recent Soviet maritime history, with 79 people killed and a further 319 still missing.

Although the massive rescue operation involving military helicopters and divers was still continuing more than 36 hours after the liner sank with a total of 1,234 passengers and crew on board, Soviet experts held out scant hope for any those still unaccounted for being found alive. The liner is now lying at a depth of 153 ft.

Details of the grim casualty toll were given at a special news conference by Mr Leonid Nedyak, Deputy Minister at the Maritime Fleet Ministry. He said that the 50-year-old liner had sunk within 15 minutes after hitting a Soviet cargo ship at 11.15 pm on Sunday night.

Of the 836 people plucked alive from the sea 29 were taken to hospital. Mr Nedyak held out little hope that any more of the passengers or crew would be rescued alive. He said that to his knowledge the last known survivor had been rescued on Monday evening.

Although an official government commission headed by a member of the Politburo was still investigating the causes of the disaster, the government paper Izvestiya last night showed no hesitation in blaming negligence on behalf of those in command of the 18,604-ton bulk carrier, Pyotr Vasev, which ripped the liner open when it hit between its engine and boiler room on the starboard side.

The paper carried the first graphic accounts of the rescue operation in which hundreds of people were dragged from a sea thick with oil.

Izvestiya, which last year carried an article attacking the drinking habits of senior Soviet naval personnel, including navigators and captains, said in its report: "This tragedy once again sets one thinking about the monstrous price of human negligence."

The paper quoted the helmsman of the liner as telling how he had gone on watch at the exact moment of the collision.

"When we set out from Novorossiysk everything was normal. Then we saw the cargo ship far away. The duty officer began to call it on the radio," he said.

"We took its bearing and realized that the ship was to cross our path. After a certain break came the answer from the Pyotr Vasev: 'Don't worry. We shall steer clear of each other. We shall do what is needed.'"

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Tomorrow

Lucky Kingsley



The Times Profile: Kingsley Amis, still angry after all these years?

Portfolio Gold

Yesterday's £4,000 daily prize in the Times Portfolio Gold competition was won outright by Miss R Weller of Exeter, Devon.

There is a further £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio Gold page 21; rules and how to play, information service, page 18.

Young voters will not bother

More than a quarter of young people who have reached voting age since Mrs Thatcher came to power in 1979 say that they will not vote in the next election.

This apathy is revealed in The Times/MORI poll on political attitudes which indicates that many new voters are deeply cynical about politics. Nearly two thirds agree that "people like me are powerless to change things".

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Vaccine trial

Vaccine trials to prevent liver cancer were described as "a landmark in medicine" at the British Association's meeting, which also heard a prediction that an AIDS vaccine would soon be ready.

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Pay cuts row

Mr John Macreadie, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, has sparked a row by demanding that two of his senior staff take pay cuts of more than £80 a week.

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Moderate unions increase control

By Tim Jones

Moderate union leaders yesterday consolidated their control over the TUC when Mr Ray Buckton, a veteran left-winger and former chairman of the congress, was voted off the body's policy making General Council.

Mr Buckton, general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, became the fourth hardliner in as many years to fall to the march of the moderates within the movement.

He was ousted by Mr John Morton, general secretary of the Musicians' Union.

Left wing union leaders were furious at the outcome, as they believed they had an unwritten agreement that they would not oppose the election of Mr John Lyons, of the Engineers and Managers' Association, in return for the moderates dropping opposition to Mr Buckton.

The return of Mr Morton was the only main change in the section reserved for the smaller unions.

Mr Leon Brittan, the former Home Secretary acted within his powers when he ordered a CND official's telephone to be tapped, a High Court judge ruled yesterday.

Mr Justice Taylor cleared Mr Brittan of knowingly flouting government guidelines on telephone tapping.

The judge said that when Mr Brittan signed the warrant for M15 to tap the telephone of Mr John Cox, the CND vice-president and a leading communist, it was not "knowingly or irrationally" outside the guidelines.

He said it was impossible to say whether there was any "deliberate flouting" of the guidelines or that what he did was unreasonable, so outrageous, and in defiance of logic that the judge also rejected claims that the tapping was for party political purposes and refused to grant a declaration that it was illegal or award any damages to Mr Cox. He ordered Mr Cox to pay the costs of the action.

Mr Cox had sought a judicial review of the decision to tap his telephone. So too had former CND chairman Mrs Joan Ruddock and president

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Burglars kill dinner party of 5

By Michael Horsnell

The charred remains of a elderly couple and three of their staff were discovered in a country house in Hampshire yesterday morning. The five, who had been stranded, were attacked by burglars during a dinner party.

The bodies of Mr Joseph Cleaver, a retired London publisher, and his disabled wife, Hilda, both in their 70s, together with their cook, chauffeur and nurse, were found at the couple's isolated residence near Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Detectives searching for the gang, who burst through a ground floor window on Monday night, described them as "vicious criminals".

The wealthy couple, their cook, chauffeur, and nurse were seized as they sat down to dinner. They were bound and bundled upstairs into three of the bedrooms. There they were strangled and fires started in each of the rooms.

Police were last night conducting house-to-house inquiries in the village. It is understood they want to interview two former members of staff who were dismissed last month.

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Crime profits net to be extended

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Criminals who reap large profits from crime are likely to be subject to extensive new legal powers designed to deprive drug traffickers of the proceeds of their deals.

The Government has been looking at how widely the unproven powers in the Drug Trafficking Offences Act should be used and is expected to go for an unlimited application, subject only to the prosecution's discretion.

It is planning to finalize its decision during the next few weeks and announce details at the forthcoming Conservative Party conference. The Drug Trafficking Offences Act, which comes into force at the end of this month, gives courts the power to confiscate proceeds of crimes committed within the past six years.

The Government is considering whether to apply the Act's new and far-reaching offence of "laundering" to all other crimes. There is some support for this within the Government but a final decision has yet to be made.

Under this offence, anyone

in any way assisting or knowingly handling a trafficker's affairs, including advising him, is liable to have his assets confiscated and faces up to 14 years' imprisonment.

One controversial provision of the Act is that the criminal must prove his assets were acquired legitimately if they are not to be assessed as part of the proceeds of trafficking.

With other offences now likely to come within the ambit of the law - fraud, theft, dishonesty, large-scale robbery and other organized crime - the burden of proof will be shifted slightly back to the prosecution, which will have to show that a specific sum of money came from the offence in question before confiscation can be ordered.

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US pilot had heart attack

Los Angeles (Reuters) - The American pilot of the small plane that collided with an Aero Mexico DC 9, killing at least 85 people, had a heart attack minutes before the crash and may have wandered into restricted air space, investigators said yesterday.

The heart attack - confirmed by the Los Angeles coroner - was thought to have been a significant contributing factor to the crash.

The inquiry has also established that the air controller bringing in the Aero Mexico plane was diverted by an errant third plane that appeared on his radar screen for two crucial minutes before the crash.

The controller tried eight times to order the airliner to turn left to come in for a landing, but without success.

The investigators said the pilot of another airliner to spot the Aero Mexico DC 9, to be told: "I don't see a DC 9, but I sure see a lot of smoke".

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Officers act to restore force morale in Stalker aftermath

By Peter Davenport

Controlling Labour councillors on the Greater Manchester Police Authority are to hold an emergency meeting tomorrow to discuss ways of improving force morale in the wake of the Stalker Affair.

Senior police officers are said to have expressed their concern to councillors about the aftermath of the 3-month investigation of Mr John Stalker, the deputy chief constable.

But there was also expected to be an attempt at the meeting by a group of left wing councillors to press for a

formal questioning of Mr James Anderson, the chief constable, about details of his private life, associations and use of police facilities, despite expected opposition from more moderate colleagues.

The move comes in spite of a statement from Mr Anderson on Monday defending his role in the Stalker affair in which he said the inquiry was justified, necessary and properly conducted. He said he did no more, nor any less than his duty, adding that he refused unequivocally allegations against him.

He challenged anyone with evidence of misconduct, to supply details to the clerk and the chairman of the police authority.

Mr Anderson did not spell out any of the allegations, but the questions which some Labour councillors want to raise with him are understood to involve the alleged unauthorised offering of lifts in a police helicopter and a holiday he shared with a man they claim had a minor conviction.

However, other members of the authority believe the affair to be nothing less than an attempt to discredit the chief constable as part of his long running feud with the Left.

The dilemma facing the 24 members of the Labour group, who meet tomorrow, is that any decision to proceed with formal questioning of Mr Anderson, at the next full meeting of the authority on September 19, will hardly be conducive to improving morale among the 7,000 officers and men in England's largest provincial police force.

Mr David Moffat, acting chairman of the authority, said yesterday that the emergency meeting of the Labour group was called after an approach by some senior officers to Mr Tony McCardell, the Labour group leader, over their concern about morale.

Mr Moffat said: "In the post-Stalker era morale on the force does worry me. If senior officers have made representation to the leader of the Labour group I think they need to be looked at."

"It is a question of what we can do to improve matters," Mr Moffat said. "Mr McCardell, a left winger, will be rivals for the chairmanship of the authority when elections for the post are held at the meeting later this month."

Police move into riot area to recruit blacks

By Craig Seton

West Midlands police have launched a drive to recruit black officers in Handsworth, Birmingham, a year after rioting in the inner city area left two people dead and damage estimated at £16 million.

A police recruiting van moved into Handsworth yesterday and tomorrow will be at Villa Cross, the flashpoint for last September's riots.

Chief Inspector Keith Newell, the force's recruiting officer, said it was a coincidence that the campaign had started on the eve of the first anniversary of the riots, when white, black and Asian youths fire-bombed and looted more than 30 shops.

The Handsworth campaign is part of a long-term drive throughout the West Midlands, which has doubled the number of applications to join the police from black and Asian people.

The inspector said there had been no trouble last week

when experienced local officers delivered 8,500 recruiting leaflets to houses in Handsworth, where an estimated 50 per cent of the population is Asian or black.

Tension between local black youths and the police increased only a month ago during a series of drugs raids in the area.

Chief Inspector Newell said: "If there was going to be trouble then I think last week, when the team were out delivering leaflets, but there was not a single problem. We are very pleased with the way it is going."

Only about 105 of the force's 6,500 officers are from the ethnic population, but the number of formal applications from black and Asian people to become West Midlands officers has increased from only 79 in 1982 to 239 this year. The number of inquiries this year has doubled to 719

Miners' strike bill

Counties demand payment

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Angry county police authorities are pressing for payment of money they say is outstanding for the aid given to the Derbyshire force during the miners' strike.

Lincolnshire has threatened to stop helping other police forces in times of emergency and Devon and Cornwall has decided to take legal action.

Derbyshire admitted yesterday it owed money in various quantities to nine of the 30 authorities which gave aid. "We still owe Cambridge £330,000, Merseyside £179,000 and West Midlands £149,000."

Derbyshire decided at the start of the dispute that the cost of policing was a government responsibility and should be borne by it. In the end, a Derbyshire spokesman said yesterday, it paid the bills only after the Government had decided to meet the lion's share of them.

The total cost of policing the dispute in Derbyshire was £31.6 million, of which

done to remedy the injustice.

He has told Mr Hurd: "If nothing can be done this time, will you please change the rules of the game for the future, so that the kind of political posturing Derbyshire indulged in does not have this unfortunate effect in the future. Otherwise, I am afraid that authorities like Lincolnshire will be most reluctant to see mutual aid provided again to authorities like Derbyshire."

Devon and Cornwall said yesterday it received £4.5 million last September as the main payment and another £250,000 in June for administrative expenses. But it was now claiming £650,000 in outstanding interest charges.

The police authority is to seek a judicial review in the High Court of the Home Secretary's decision.

The Association of County Councils said yesterday it was supporting a number of counties pursuing the issue.



Mrs Diana Lamplugh at the Thames Television studios yesterday with her daughter, Tamsin, and Susannah's boyfriend, Adam Leegood.

Torso link devastated mother

By Angela Johnson and Michael Horsnell

The mother of missing estate agent Susannah Lamplugh yesterday said she was devastated when people began to speculate that the headless body found in East Sussex might be her missing daughter.

"When the police said they were 99 per cent certain it was not her I could hardly contain my relief," Mrs Diana Lamplugh said.

Mrs Lamplugh was speaking after appearing on the Thames Television afternoon programme, *Daytime*, with her other daughter, Tamsin, and Susannah's boyfriend, Mr Adam Leegood.

The Lamplugh family announced yesterday that they will set up a trust to teach women how to be more assertive and aware of the dangers they face in the 1980s.

"I thought I had given my daughter everything she needed to get on in today's society, but I feel I may have failed teaching her how to survive," Mrs Lamplugh said.

"I am hoping the trust will give advice to young women on how they can cope. Then, whatever the outcome of this dreadful situation, something positive can result."

Detectives investigating the murder of the headless torso in East Sussex believe missing pieces of the body could have been dumped in different parts of Southern England. They say more than two dozen phone calls about certain material and a nightdress used to wrap the remains may help them to identify the body.

Macreadie call on pay upsets staff

By Tim Jones

Militant supporter Mr John Macreadie, fighting to keep his job as general secretary of Britain's largest Civil Service union, has caused another dispute by demanding two senior staff should take pay cuts of more than £80 a week each.

His instruction was strongly resisted by the two men and thrown out by the union's moderate-controlled national executive. The men are Mr John Ellis, deputy general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, and Mr John Raywood, the treasurer.

Mr Macreadie defeated Mr Ellis in an election to become general secretary but has not been allowed to take up the position until an inquiry into alleged branch voting irregularities is over.

After his victory, Mr Macreadie said he would fall into line with Tendency policy, which says union leaders should not be paid more than

their members, and remain on his £16,000 salary rather than accept the £22,000 general secretary salary.

Both Mr Ellis and Mr Raywood earn about £20,000 a year and Mr Macreadie tried to insist that their salaries should fall into line with his.

But a representative of the two men's union, the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff, said Mr Macreadie's demand was unacceptable.

His view was endorsed by the moderate majority on the CPSSA executive who are in dispute with Mr Macreadie. That bitterness has been consolidated by the executive's decision to bar him from the TUC Congress at Brighton, where his vote would have been decisive in committing the 30-strong union delegation to vote in favour of left wing motions.

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Police foil IRA plot to bomb security posts

By Richard Ford

A Provisional IRA plot to mortar bomb security force bases on the border was foiled yesterday when police in the Irish Republic discovered a van loaded with missiles.

The weapons were found by anti-terrorist squad detectives in a search of an isolated farm at Kilcurry, near Dundalk, during which a van with its roof sawn off was found parked in an outbuilding.

Police believe the six primed mortar bombs in the

Aircraft project won by Shorts

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

Shorts of Belfast, which is at the centre of a dispute over the flying of "loyalist" flags, has signed an agreement with a US-owned company to produce a new commuter airliner.

The agreement, finalized at the Farnborough Air Show yesterday, is with the de Havilland Aircraft Company of Canada - owned by Boeing - and came as Sir Philip Foreman, Shorts chairman, admitted such deals were in jeopardy because of the Ulster troubles.

The memorandum of understanding covers the joint 12-month study of potential markets, aircraft configuration and engine alternatives. It should lead to a joint production programme.

Both companies said they had no preconceived ideas and the new plan could replace existing aircraft such as de Havilland's Dash 7 and Dash 8 and Shorts 330 and 360 airliners.

Sir Philip said that investment decisions would have to await completion of the study, but the deal would give additional security to the company's 7,000 workers. The companies are looking for at least one other partner.

Mr William Boggs, de Havilland's chairman, said: "We are both heavily involved in modernization of our facilities and are both looking to the next generation of commercial regional aircraft."

The design of this airplane will be driven by the needs of the passenger - comfort, speed and low ticket prices.

Sir Philip added: "By joint forces we hope to bring a new aircraft to the market with an enhanced competitive position."

The flying of "loyalist" flags and regalia inside Shorts factory has been condemned by Roman Catholics in Northern Ireland and the US.

Sir Philip said most of the bunting had been removed and the remainder would go in the next few days.

"It is terribly important for the future of Shorts because people raise doubts about whether they should deal with us while we participate in these activities."

"We are trying to run an aircraft factory, not a political propaganda machine. It is very difficult to explain to customers why the flags and bunting are up."

Sir Philip said that Shorts did not discriminate between Roman Catholics and Protestants. "We were criticized a few years ago for not having enough Catholics in the workforce and we have gone out of our way to stimulate interest from the Catholic community in working for Shorts."

"We have a very strict system of interviewing and screening so that we do employ the most capable of workers."

"But because we have taken on increasing numbers of Catholics we are being accused by the Protestants of reversed discrimination, which is also utterly untrue. We are completely impartial."

Meningitis kills boy aged nine in Fife

Health officials yesterday appealed to the parents of 80,000 children in Fife, Scotland, not to panic after the death from meningitis of a second boy in the region this year.

The boy, aged nine, from Glenrothes, was suffering from the same strain of meningitis, group B, which has caused outbreaks throughout Britain - most notably in Stroud, Gloucestershire; and for which there is no vaccine.

A boy, aged 12, from North-east Fife, died of meningitis in February.

The second death brings the total of cases in the area so far this year to 12, three times the annual average.

All the sufferers have been children.

Dr Harden Carter, specialist in community medicine for the Fife Health Board, said letters were being sent to the parents of all 80,000 children in the area explaining that recovery was almost guaranteed if a meningitis sufferer is treated as soon as symptoms appear. These were a sudden fever and a severe headache, stiffness of the neck and a skin rash.

"It is not an epidemic," Dr Carter said. "If parents are concerned they should get in touch with the family doctor. What we are trying to do here is to cause panic. We want parents to be vigilant and the medical profession to respond quickly to requests for help."

Health officials in Gloucestershire said yesterday that they were planning to test 6,000 people for meningitis in Stonehouse, Stroud, where three people have died of the disease.

Thirty hurt in coach crash

Thirty passengers were injured, two of them seriously, yesterday when their coach left the road and plunged down an embankment in Newton Stewart.

The Western Scottish coach was bound from Birmingham to Stranraer where it was to board the ferry to Larne, Northern Ireland, when the accident happened in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Ambassador is to leave

Mr Vasile Gliga, the Romanian Ambassador to Britain, is relinquishing his appointment a month after his wife was accused of shoplifting.

Mr Gliga has held the Foreign and Commonwealth Office that he will be leaving London within about 10 days. Under the rules covering diplomatic immunity there would have been no question of a prosecution for Mrs Veturia Gliga, who, it is alleged, stole a £4 pair of scissors.

August worst for 23 years

London had the coldest August since 1963, with the night of August 29 being the coldest since 1940, according to figures released yesterday by the London Weather Centre.

Throughout the month, England and Wales experienced a 50 per cent increase in rainfall, and a 20 per cent decline in sunshine compared with previous years, making August one of the wettest since records began.

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Printers win fight over jobs

Ten printers who claimed unfair dismissal by Robert Maxwell's Odhams Sun printers have won their cases, a Woburn Place tribunal has ruled.

The men, made redundant last year, claimed that length of service entitled them to keep their jobs; they had been with Sun printers before the merger with Odhams in 1983, when Odhams men transferred to the Watford factory.

Comedian's wife charged

The wife of Mike Reid, a comedian, was charged with threatening behaviour yesterday over a fight that is alleged to have occurred after a court dropped a charge against her son, aged 20, of having unlawful sex with a girl of 16.

Mrs Shirley Reid, aged 50, was arrested outside Crown Magistrates Court, South London, and was allowed unconditional bail to appear before the court on September 9.

Jab girl dies

Halima Ali, aged 10, of Warley, in the West Midlands, died at the Sandwell District Hospital yesterday after a wrong injection had left her unconscious for three years.

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Legal delays stall import of hazardous cargo

Britain's largest importer of toxic waste is facing weeks of legal argument over a shipment of 3,500 tons of industrial sludge salvaged from the North Sea.

Cory Waste Management, of Thurrock, Essex, handles half the 26,000 tons of hazardous waste imported every year but the future of its trade could rest with the fate of the shipment now in two barges in Rotterdam.

East coast authorities have adopted delaying tactics to keep the waste, which contains 2 per cent arsenic and 10 per cent lead, out of the country while the Dutch are anxious to export it to Britain.

The Dutch water authorities spent three weeks and £700,000 salvaging the waste from the Danish coaster, Olaf, after she sank off the coast of Holland in July on her way to Britain from a chemical factory in Denmark.

But the London Waste Regulation Authority and Essex, Sussex and Kent county councils have taken the unusual step of requiring a licence before the waste can be unloaded. Weeks of consultation will be needed before such a licence can be granted.

The stand has been investigated by Essex County Council. Two-thirds of all the toxic waste imported into Britain is dumped in Essex. The county's consumer and public protection officer, Mr John Harrison, said the council felt it had a raw deal and that enough was enough.

But Mr Harrison's Principal Scientific Officer, Mr Jim Lionnel, said the shipment was not particularly dangerous. "I would pick it up with my hands, but I would not eat it," he said.

Essex County Council's position appears to be a result of increasing pressure from



Mr James Leather with a sample of waste after processing, and the Cory plant at Thurrock (Photograph: James Gray).

Waste dumping

Nirex beats the blockade

Anti-nuclear protesters were last night strengthening their blockades at four proposed nuclear dumping sites after engineers employed by Nirex, the government nuclear waste agency, slipped through an unguarded entrance at Elstow, Bedfordshire, under cover of darkness.

The Nirex contractors drove through the site's main entrance unnoticed on Monday night, a few hours after the protesters' daily 12-hour vigil had ended, and set up a drilling rig and other equipment on the 480-acre site.

Surprised protesters found the equipment at 6 am yesterday, when they arrived to set up the morning blockade. Spokesmen for the four main anti-nuclear dumping ac-

tion groups at Elstow, Killingholme in Humberside, Fulbeck, Lincolnshire and Bradwell on Sea, Essex, said all blockades would now be increased to prevent Nirex from gaining any further access.

Mr Jerry Fitch, chairman of the Bedfordshire Against Nuclear Dumping organization, said it was inevitable that Nirex would eventually get on to the site after a "two-week cat and mouse game."

He said Nirex engineers would be allowed to drill on the site only between 7 am and 7 pm, according to a special government development order.

"But we are determined they won't get back to the site this week and have increased our blockade to cover those hours."

Miss Susan Gittins of Nirex said engineers would continue to try to gain access to all sites "at any hour, day or night."

"She said there was 'nothing sneaky or stealthy about our Monday night move. Our convey got through because there was apparently no one manning the Elstow blockade. We have left security guards there to protect the equipment."

Engineers hoped to start drilling at Elstow this week, and as soon as possible at the three other sites.

But if protesters prevented drilling going ahead, Nirex would consider bringing a High Court injunction.

She said a total of 30 engineers would take between six and seven months to complete exploratory excavations at each site.

Teachers' decision on absentee cover ensures peace until Christmas

By David Cross

Most teaching unions and their local authority employers yesterday agreed to a deal which should ensure peace in schools until Christmas at least.

The crucial issue at stake was the number of days on which teachers should stand in to cover for absent colleagues: failure to do that proved the greatest inconvenience to parents and children during the long dispute over the 1985 pay award.

Under the terms of the temporary agreement reached just before dawn yesterday after a 14-hour negotiating session, the local authorities promised to do their best to provide schools with supply teachers "as soon as practicable" after the first day of a staff member's absence.

In return, the unions accepted that where a local authority could not afford adequate supply cover, teachers in the school concerned should share cover duties.

The deal, which was supported by the most powerful union, the National Union of Teachers, was opposed by the

second largest union, the 127,000-strong National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers. A spokesman said the NAS/UNT had refused to sign the agreement because it represented a continuation of the status quo.

"We want a national agreement that will guarantee cover after the first day of absence," he said.

Head teachers are also unhappy with the arrangement. "We were not prepared to sign because we felt that local authorities would be able to plead poverty and not provide adequate coverage," Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said.

His organization also wanted to ensure that head teachers should be excluded from the agreement that teaching staff should share cover "equitably".

Nevertheless, even the objectors said that they hoped the agreement would lead to a more peaceful atmosphere in

schools during the autumn term.

Mr John Pearman, chairman of the local authority management team, said he hoped the deal would be ratified as soon as possible so both sides could concentrate on negotiating a new long-term agreement to take effect from the beginning of next year.

● The Department of Education and Science yesterday launched a £40,000 leaflet campaign on the first new GCSE examination course.

About two million leaflets are being sent through schools to the first batch of pupils who will be studying during the next two years for the examination, which is to replace O-level and CSE certificates.

The leaflets explain the grades available in the new examination and how they equate to grades under the old system.

Mr Chris Patten, Minister of State for Education, said yesterday that he hoped the leaflets would be studied carefully by parents.

Shortage of donors costing lives

By Jill Sherman

People are dying needlessly of heart disease because of a shortage of donor hearts, Professor Magdi Yacoub, a world expert in heart transplants in children, said yesterday.

He called for an opt-out system for organ donors under which only people not wishing to give their organs would carry cards, or be entered on a national computer system.

Professor Yacoub, who took up the chair of cardiothoracic surgery at the Brompton Hospital, in south-west London, yesterday said one of the main problems facing heart surgery was the lack of organs for transplants.

"There are waiting lists and they are getting longer. The lack of donors is limiting the expansion of the existing programme. An opt-out system would help a great deal."

There was a need to educate both the public and the medical profession about potential donors, he said.

Professor Yacoub is hoping to carry out 150 heart transplants this year at Harefield Hospital, and the National Heart Hospital, both in west London.

But he said that nearly 100 people are now on the waiting lists for that type of operation. "We have the time and the facilities. Looking after very sick patients before the operation consumes energy and resources. It is heartbreaking to see that all this is done to no avail. Patients die after two weeks of trying to keep them alive."

The professor also criticized recent publicity about brain deaths which he said was having a negative impact on people offering organs for transplants.

Professor Yacoub has recommended a substantial income to take up the academic post at the Brompton. Under academic regulations any doctor in a university post is not allowed to undertake private practice for his own gain.

Any income from private patients has to go to the appropriate department's research fund.



Professor Magdi Yacoub yesterday with one of his patients, Andrew Wilkie, aged 11, who had a heart and lung transplant operation 22 weeks ago (Photograph: Peter Trivelpy).

Professor Yacoub currently carries out up to 200 private operations and 700 National Health Service operations in open-heart surgery.

He said yesterday that he hoped to continue his private work as many of those patients, particularly those from

abroad, suffered from rare types of heart disease.

"If you are dealing with very complex congenital abnormalities you are actually benefiting the whole practice."

The Cardiothoracic Institute is expecting to gain hundreds of thousands of

pounds from Professor Yacoub's private work which will go towards research.

Professor Yacoub admitted that he had taken a substantial drop in salary before taking up the academic post, which carries a basic salary of £25,000 a year.

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Poll shows most want medical files open

By a Staff Reporter

More than 70 per cent of people believe they should be able to see their personal medical records, according to a MORI (Market & Opinion Research International) poll conducted for the Freedom of Information Campaign.

Nearly as many, more than six out of ten, believe that they should be allowed to see their children's school records, the campaign's poll shows. And well over half favour access to national insurance or social security records, as well as to employers' personal files.

Only 4 per cent felt they should have no right to see personal files. Campaign leaders, backed by 146 MPs from all parties, hope a private member's Bill will become law, creating a statutory right of access to a wide range of personal files.

The survey was carried out on a sample of 1,909 people in 172 political constituencies.

At a press conference in London, Mr Des Wilson, co-chairman of the campaign, said his organization was hoping that armed with such statistics, MPs would now be able to introduce a private member's Bill in the next session with a "really good chance of success".

Mr Wilson was particularly pleased that 54 Conservative MPs were on the list. With a general election within the next 18 months or so, he was confident the Government would not oppose a move with such overwhelming public support.

A draft Bill drawn up by the campaign, which failed to be taken up by MPs in the last session of Parliament, would allow people to discover where their records are held, how to obtain them, and how to correct inaccuracies.

Schizophrenic threw brick at Palace

A schizophrenic patient threw a brick through a Buckingham Palace window and another at the Houses of Parliament before being arrested outside Conservative Party headquarters, a court was told yesterday.

Brian Humphreys, aged 34, had just discharged himself from the psychiatric wing of St Mary's Hospital in Paddington. His doctor had committed him there for treatment under the Mental Health Act after he allegedly threatened his mother with a knife.

Mr Alan Dutton, for the prosecution, told Hammersmith Magistrates' Court: "His psychiatrist told him that if he was feeling tense, he should vent his feelings on something. He decided to smash windows around town."

Humphreys, unemployed, of Caernarvon House, Halfpenny Estate, Paddington, who pleaded guilty to the two offences, further admitted damaging on the same day another window in Westminster, and a car in Smith Square.

He was remanded in custody for mental and medical reports from two doctors.

Club must pay wife dismissed for pregnancy

Mrs Joan James has been awarded £1,300 after being dismissed as a stewardess of Gloucester working men's club, for being pregnant.

Mrs James, aged 28, of Upton Street, Gloucester, and her husband Colin, the joint steward, were told by club officials that a child was not wanted on the premises.

Earlier this year an industrial tribunal upheld Mrs James's claim that she was the victim of sex discrimination. At a resumed hearing in Gloucester yesterday, it ordered that the club should pay Mr James's claim that he, too, was the victim of the same kind of discrimination. He intends to appeal.

Archivist stole £40,000 in rare stamps

The archivist to the historical society in a small Shropshire market town systematically stole stamps, postal marks and letters worth £40,000 from county record offices, Shropshire Crown Court was told yesterday.

Peter Imeson, aged 52, from Chetwynd Aston, near Newport, admitted eight charges. He was jailed for 18 months.

The items in the eight charges came from record offices in Shropshire, Staffordshire, Leicestershire, Lancashire and Keele University.

One, worth £12,000, was a rare Dockwray franking of 1680 by the man who launched the penny post in Britain.

Mr Bernard Linneman, for the prosecution, said Imeson's position as archivist to Newport Historical Society involved visits to record offices which led to the thefts.

Tourism likely to fall this year

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

American tourists may be on their way back to Britain, but 1986 is unlikely to be as good a year for tourism as the last, with revenue dropping by at least £200 million.

The British Tourist Authority yesterday reported that 1985 was the best year yet for British tourism. Overseas visitors were up by 6 per cent to 14.5 million and their spending rose by 16 per cent to £6,700 million. That included about £1,000 million in air fares for British airlines.

There were further gains in the first three months of this year, but then the influx of American visitors started to fade, they said.

The number of American tourists fell by 17 per cent in April and 40 per cent in May. June figures were not expected to be much better.

American visitors, the biggest single source of tourists for Britain, accounting for 24 per cent of total visitors, were estimated to be down between 20 and 30 per cent over the first half of this year.

Mr Duncan Bluck, the BTA chairman, said this has meant for the first five months of the year overseas visitors were down by 3 per cent. He expected spending to be down by about 2 per cent.

Mr Bluck blamed the aftermath of terrorism scares and

the Chernobyl disaster, although some commentators believe the fall in the buying power of the American dollar has also been a crucial factor. The number of cancellations by Americans was unprecedented and particularly affected package tours, he said.

"By June there were signs of recovery, and by July there was ample evidence that the downturn had been temporary and that the American market was progressively returning to near normal," he said.

The BTA believes that while the number of American visitors may fall by between 10 and 20 per cent for the year, a possible increase in other foreign visitors could offset some, if not all, of the drop.

But a fall of at least £200 million in spending during this year, down to £6,500 million, looked likely.

There was no sign that new worries over Libya had affected tourist bookings. Mr Bluck thought it was unlikely that the Government's introduction of new entry visas would have any effect on tourism.

He said a 19 per cent increase in government funding for the BTA this year should enable new initiatives to encourage areas with untapped potential.

Prices of homes are stabilizing

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

House prices showed the first signs of stabilizing by the end of last month. The yearly average rise stood at 13.6 per cent, the same as the previous month, the Halifax Building Society reports today.

Over the three months to the end of August, house prices rose by 3.7 per cent compared with 4.4 per cent during the three months to the end of July.

The society states that its Halifax House Price Index takes account of the mix of property sold and claims to be a more accurate indicator than some recently issued figures which have suggested inflation in excess of 17 per cent.

Its national forecast for house-price increases in 1986 remains at about 13 per cent, while the average price of existing properties is £40,828. The average price of new houses is £47,304.

Price increases in the South-east and Greater London are steady at about 20 per cent and 25 per cent respectively. Present indications suggest house-price inflation will stay in double figures in 1987.

Halifax economists have rejected suggestions that the recent high increases may be followed by a price collapse.

In a paper examining house-price behaviour, they say that prices are determined by basic forces of supply and demand. "There is no reason to forecast a major increase in the supply of houses. Demand is driven by ability to pay, essentially by earnings and interest rates."

We are becoming a home-based society. People want more and better housing. They conclude that a house is a good long-term investment, although investing in a house purely for capital gain is somewhat risky.

"Buying a house to meet sensible present and future household needs is a wise decision. Of the 13 million home owners in Britain, few regret their decision to buy. We doubt whether the picture will have changed by the end of this century."

Magistrates urged to jail hooligans

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Magistrates are being urged to impose tough custodial sentences on football hooligans and others convicted of serious crimes of violence or vandalism, or who try to impede the police in maintaining public order.

An editorial in the latest issue of *The Magistrate*, journal of the Magistrates' Association, says that such offenders must expect immediate custodial sentences.

Football hooligans aged 17 years should "expect to lose their liberty" if convicted of violent offences causing injury to others or criminal damage amounting to vandalism. Immediate custody of "a substantial length" is appropriate for violent offences in such places as discotheques.

Unless there are exceptional mitigating circumstances, youths aged 17 to 21 who are convicted of offences involving violence towards the police, should be sentenced to a short detention centre order, the journal says.

But if any weapon has been used, or a disabling injury caused, or there is evidence

No action over death injection

A family doctor and former chairman of a local authority police committee is not to be prosecuted over the death of a woman after he gave her an injection which included diamorphine.

Dr Arthur Anderson gave Mrs Ruth Dock, aged 43, of Chantry Close, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, the injection because she was agitated, an inquest at St Pancras, central London, heard yesterday.

But she failed to tell him she had taken her usual drugs and had been drinking.

Mrs Dock died from a combination of morphine and alcohol poisoning the same day, December 16, last year.

Her death led to a police inquiry. But the Director of Public Prosecutions has decided there should be no proceedings.

Dr Anderson, aged 52, of Leaside, Rickmans Lane, Kings Langley, vice-chairman of Hertfordshire County Council, read a letter to the inquest saying Mrs Dock had developed a high tolerance to prescribed drugs.

A verdict of misadventure was recorded.

Fraud man had 83 aliases

A man aged 84 who claimed thousands of pounds in false social security benefit by assuming names selected from *Who's Who* and *Country Life* magazine, received a suspended prison sentence from magistrates at Reading, Berkshire, yesterday.

Mr Peter Tooke, for the prosecution, said that when police caught the pensioner they were forced to charge him under an alias because he refused to reveal his identity.

Mr Tooke said that David Greenaway, whose real name was believed to be John Graham, had assumed more than 80 different identities to claim false benefit around the country.

Greenaway, who is partially deaf, paid £2.50 a time for copies of genuine birth certificates and then claimed benefit under his new name, he said.

"He lived in hotels and claimed supplementary benefit under various names relating to the birth certificates. It would appear the DHSS have been aware of this gentleman's activities for a number of years and have compiled a file on him. They believe he has something like 83 aliases around the country."

Mr Tooke told the court that the "Mr Greenaway" he claimed to be was the former High Sheriff of Kent, Sir Derek Burdick Greenaway, aged 77.

"Greenaway" pleaded guilty to a specimen charge of dishonestly obtaining £2,953 from the Department of Health and Social Security by falsely claiming he was Hugh Ford, who is Sir Hugh Ford, an eminent research engineer.

He also pleaded guilty to two specimen charges of attempting to obtain cash by claiming his name was Greenaway and Alan Cotterill. Mr Tooke said Greenaway was arrested at Reading last June after staying in a local hotel.

"When he was searched a concealed pocket was found in his trousers and various birth certificates were recovered."

The magistrates, who were shown three pages listing previous convictions for deception dating back to 1944, imposed a six-month jail sentence suspended for two years to run concurrently on all three charges.

Rabies death

An inquest was opened and adjourned at Portsmouth yesterday into the death of Lesley Vivienne Smith, aged 45, from rabies, two weeks after being admitted to Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth, while holidaying from Lusaka, Zambia. The disease was diagnosed six weeks after she was bitten by a dog.

Jewish groups try to solve kosher dispute

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Jewish groups were attempting yesterday to defuse a dispute over the right to supply kosher meat to shops and restaurants, which started when Lewis & Co, a firm of wholesale poultryers, recently obtained a High Court injunction against the Schechter Board, the sole licensing authority for the supply of kosher meat.

The board tried to stop the firm from supplying a group of butchers who had aligned themselves with a splinter organisation, the Federation of Synagogues.

Last week, after failing to get the injunction lifted, the board published an advertisement in the Jewish press listing those butchers which it considered to be kosher.

A spokesman for the Chief Rabbi said it was a matter of internal concern.

The dispute is understood to have no connection with the continuing controversy over whether Jewish and Muslim ritual slaughter, which is carried out without the animals being stunned, should be banned in Britain.

Arson case denial over photograph

By Craig Seton

A man accused of arson who surrendered to police after a photograph appeared in a national newspaper, insisted that he was not the man in the photograph. Birmingham Crown Court heard yesterday.

The photograph taken during the Handsworth riots last year showed a man in the act of throwing a petrol bomb.

Det Supt Albert Cresswell told the jury that James Hazell, aged 30, of Merry Hill Drive, Winslow Green, Birmingham, was questioned about the photograph, but allegedly told police: "It ain't me."

It is alleged that Mr Hazell, the brother of the former Wolves footballer Bob Hazell, threw a bomb at a building causing £20,000 worth of damage. He denies the charge.

Aaron Palgrave, aged 21, of Church Vale, Handsworth, denies arson, possessing petrol bombs and maliciously causing an explosion.

Mr Palgrave is alleged to have supplied Mr Hazell with the bomb and to have thrown two bombs at police.

Det Supt Cresswell told the court that when Mr Hazell gave himself up he denied owning a pair of like those being worn by the bomber. But, he said, a pair were found at his home.

The gentle giants who eat celery, not children

By Hugh Clayton Environment Correspondent

The gorilla that stood guard over an injured child was quickly enlisted yesterday as an antidote to explorers' gory tales about the creatures' ferocity and cruelty.

Naturalists said there was nothing remarkable about the unmanly human gesture of Jumbo, a 25-stone father of 12.

Mr John Burton, executive secretary of the Fama and Flora Preservation Society, said that the chest-beating associated with gorillas was a bluff to deter attackers and not the prelude to an unprovoked assault.

The animals feed on wild celery and roots, not on children or big game hunters, he said.

Sir David Attenborough, the television naturalist and another keen observer of the giant apes in their African haunts, said: "The image that has been foisted on the gorilla consists of the very things that we are ourselves."

Levan Merritt, aged five, was described as "stable" in Southampton general hospital yesterday after falling 20 feet into the gorilla enclosure at Jersey Zoo on Sunday, the first day of his family's holiday.

Mr Stephen Merritt, his father, said that Jumbo had been "so tender. He gently



Levan Merritt lays unconscious (bottom left) in the ape pit as Jumbo, moves in for a closer inspection of the injured boy.

touched the boy, and it seemed to me that he was standing guard over him, protecting him from all the other gorillas in the enclosure.

"I had put Levan on the wall to look at the gorillas and turned away to pick up one of

the other children. He fell, and when I looked down I thought he was dead."

Mr Merritt who has three other children aged from four to eight said yesterday that he accepted responsibility for the accident.

The Fama and Flora Preservation Society, which has spent much of the year trying to detach bats from their association with vampires, used Jumbo's gesture to try to dispel the traditional image of the gorilla as a

combination of King Kong, abominable snowman and monster of the swamps.

Mr Burton, who last met a wild gorilla in the spring, said: "Under no circumstances does the behaviour of the animal in Jersey surprise me. There is no evidence that they have ever been aggressive except in the defence of their young, much the same as the average human."

There are several hundred gorillas in zoos while the wild population of a few thousand is confined to parts of west Africa.

They are very, very peaceful. It is very impressive seeing them three metres away nosing on the wild celery and pulling up a few roots," he added.

Most gorillas including Jumbo are of the lowland type, and only about 400 mountain gorillas are left.

Mr Burton said that assistance given to the government of Rwanda under the project had helped to protect the mountain gorilla, which was "bigger, hairier and woollier" than its lowland cousin.

He claimed that much of the gorilla's evil reputation stemmed from the desire of generations of big game hunters to convince admirers at home that they had shot a ruthless adversary and not a frightened animal that wanted to be left in peace.

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Comedian's wife charged

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Kinnock pledge on million jobs wins standing tribute

Mr Neil Kinnock took his time to make the need to fight an immediate front-line battle against unemployment. The congress applauded him enthusiastically when he pledged that on winning the next election, the incoming Labour Government would implement an emergency two-year policy to generate in that time a million jobs.

The Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Labour Party said that the choices were work or waste, and the Labour movement chose work. That was the main objective.

Mr Kinnock said that at the same time as its recovery emergency policy, Labour would start a five-year medium-term employment strategy of investment. The aim would be to promote industrial reconstruction and modernization so that the new jobs were sustained, and the new training used so that the economy was strengthened and made more competitive.

Thirdly, Labour would set out a 10-year planning horizon in order to establish the coherence and continuity of economic policy that this country and its workers and managers in every industry had needed for a long time.

He was accorded a standing ovation for a speech in which he bitterly attacked the Government as the architects of ruin who would bequeath to Labour an economy that in large part had been laid waste.

He devoted a lengthy passage of his speech to a Labour Government's need for consensus, dismissing "saloon-bar revolutionaries" who detested it but were small in number and influence, and others small in number but great in power who despised consensus because it impeded their arbitrary power over people. They included Rupert Murdoch, Ian MacGregor, Norman Tebbit and Margaret Thatcher.

Mr Kinnock said he was proud of the support, solidarity and help given by the trade unions in the three years he had been leader of the Labour Party. He derived even greater delight from the way that support and solidarity had been not just in theory but in practice.

It had not just been in order to secure electoral victory at the next election, which would

surely come, but to make the United Kingdom a better place to live in.

That effort and activity had been generally valued, but no where more so than in the political ballroom of the past year. These had been intended by the Government to divide and weaken the trade unions and to fulfil its hope and desire to cancel the political funds of organized labour in Great Britain.

"Well, it did not work out that way, did it?" he said, to cheers.

Millions had heeded the view of Jack London that the non-political animal had no children, no parents, felt neither heat nor cold and required no shelter or warmth, needed no money and therefore needed no work, fought no causes, paid no taxes and when he died, buried himself.

No lesson needed in democracy

New policies ensured that the next Labour government would prevent employers from securing ex parte injunctions against trade unionists.

There would be new rights of security for part-time workers and others in equally insecure jobs, such as women, who were the economic cannon fodder of Thatcherism. There would be new facilities for training and supporting and organizing trade unionists. The next Labour government would not be depriving workers of democratic and common-law rights.

Many thousands were doing the work of the unions without pay and in their own time. They did not need lessons in democracy in any shape or form from the Conservative Party. If the Conservatives ever did have a vote at their party conference they would probably pay for it, he said, to laughter from delegates. That was the sort of thing to expect from a party that sought to recruit by offering membership to wine clubs and free copies of Jeffrey Archer books, and by canvassing in South Africa and the Cayman Islands. It said a lot about the Conservative Party that in seeking recruits they had to scabble around the globe to get their votes.

There would be partnership, concerted action. It did not mean that they would be offered rubber stamps or blank cheques. They knew

Mr Kinnock said that there were millions of reasons for ridding Britain of the Tory Government. They could see the reasons in the unemployment queues, the hospitals, the housing, the waiting lists, among the families in poverty and pensioners in need.

They could also see the need for getting rid of this Government among the children and young people hit by education cuts and among those outside. Silentnight, outside Wapping and outside pits.

Millions said they must have no truck with the Thatcher regime. The whole nation needed a Government that would address issues with practical policies for freedom and fairness, for employment and production, for jobs and justice. That could only be a Labour Government.

He said: "It will certainly not come from the Tory Government. They are the architects of ruin. They have had seven years of chaos equipped with that huge bonanza of oil revenue which they have failed to use to the advantage of the British people and British economy. In that time they have brought economic destruction on a scale not seen in peacetime."

He went on: "We are going to have to work our way out of this mess and we are going to have to work our way out of the mess together. There is no other practical way. There are no easy options, no lucky breaks, no oil bonanza, no easy paths."

They deliberated about it in the movement and discussed it with others. He went on: "We do not ask as advocates of overmanaging. We ask as enemies of under-servicing, under-production, under-provision, under-investment." Mr Kinnock said that Mr Tebbit, chairman of the Conservative Party, had aired recently the idea of differential rates of dole. Mrs Thatcher said they had to maintain the dole regime in the interests of efficiency.

Was it not more efficient to pay wages for jobs that needed to be done and getting production, services, and National Insurance contributions in return?

There would be partnership, concerted action. It did not mean that they would be offered rubber stamps or blank cheques. They knew



him better than to believe that Labour would do that when in government.

It did not mean state control of the unions or colonization of management. Neither could it mean the subordination of government.

The Government was out to tender in awarding employers such powers of injunction and unemployment as to give them absolute and unprecedented prerogatives over their workers.

Labour rejected that system of government and sought the democratic power to replace it with a Labour Government that operated in concert with workers and managers. "That is our duty to the poor, the pain-ridden and the puny."

Consensus vital to restore nation

They must operate consensus. Saloon bar revolutionaries detested consensus, but they never had to negotiate a deal. They were small in numbers and influence and would remain so.

There were others, still small in numbers but great in power who despised consensus. They wanted to give orders and wanted their will to be done without bargaining or agreement.

They spoke in the language and took the action of Rupert Murdoch, Ian MacGregor, Norman Tebbit and Margaret Thatcher.

Labour did not want to see their power made stronger and more ruthless. The answer to

the question, what would happen if he did not get consensus, was that the Labour Government which he led would be geared to generating jobs above all else. There would be no £3.6 billion tax giveaway every year to the richest 5 per cent because the poor needed the money more.

They could not afford to let £11 billion of investment capital bleed out of the country every year because they needed it for renewal and reconstruction.

"I know that there will be times when that single-minded attack on unemployment and underinvestment in Britain will not make us popular with those who have vested interests or think they should come first or want a quiet life, but I would rather put it straight to them now than pretend that everything can be done sweetly... that every promise can be fulfilled smoothly, that every objective can be reached quickly, that give the impression that every convenience and convention can be left untouched. There is no hope for the future of our country if that were the case."

He would rather face the people today with that truth than face the people of tomorrow with excuses.

They must have the self-discipline and collective will to build patiently and permanently and to work their way to work. He believed that they had what it took to do that. It came from bitter experience of the alternative: and they would win and deserve their victory.

PENSIONS

DHSS offices 'the salt mines' of the Civil Service

Offices of the Department of Health and Social Security had become known as the salt mines of the Civil Service, the conference was told.

Mr John Ellis, deputy general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, said that unless cuts in those office staffs were reversed and more resources allocated, the system would fall apart.

He was speaking in a debate on pensions, social security and occupational pensions after which all motions were carried.

The motions included a call for a Labour government to increase pensions; a demand that the TUC and Labour Party should get together to reform tax and social security to prevent poverty; and to ensure that pension funds were retained for use by pensioners and not skimmed off for use by employers.

Mr Jack Eccles, vice-chairman of the general council, opening the debate, said that the Government's vindictive attacks on the social security system had exacerbated the problems faced in other areas of the welfare state.

That was most clearly demonstrated in the effects of poverty on the nation's health. Six years after the Black report on inequalities in health, the social divisions that gave rise to ill health had become even greater.

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary, Transport and General Workers' Union, moved, a composite motion calling on the Labour Party for a manifesto commitment to a pension level of not less than a half of average earnings for a married couple and not less than a third for a single person; to ensure pensioners' ability to maintain warm and well-lit homes with adequate heating allowances covering all fuels without a means test; to introduce a statutory free scheme for pensioners on public transport nationally; and to discuss phasing in a common retirement age of 60.

Mr Jan Neil, National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers, seconded, said they should oppose extension of the retirement age for women to 65. Women lived longer than men.

She told male delegates: "Come and join us. Retire at 60. If we have an adequate pension we can all live happily ever after together."

Mr Leslie Christie, general secretary, Society of Civil and Public Servants, moved a two-page composite motion rejecting government policy and calling for the general council and the Labour Party to work together to reform tax and social security to prevent poverty; to meet the needs of all through social services without resort to means test except as a safety net; to eliminate the poverty trap; and to increase child benefit and social insurance benefits.

It also called for equality

between men and women in social security and tax systems.

He said that the gap between rich and poor had become a gaping chasm.

Government reviews were not serious reviews but cynical cost-cutting exercises. They should get away from means-tested benefits.

Mr Tom Sawyer, deputy general secretary, National Union of Public Employees, seconded the motion, said that the Thatcher policy drove down benefits and undermined the standards of the pensioners' basic needs, so that pay and conditions of trade union members could be driven down further. Mr Norman Hitchen, president of the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association, moved the composite on occupational pensions calling on all affiliated unions to ensure that actuarial surpluses were used to improve pension benefits and payments.

Until then, the position on occupational pension schemes was vital. They were put in danger through the Social Security Act, 1986, which was an attempt to bribe workers into personal pension schemes.

Mr Danny Sergeant, president of Sogat '82, said an unsavoury aspect of today's occupational pension schemes was the way surpluses, built up over many years, were used to finance part of the cost of takeover bids.

Surpluses were also being plundered by certain employers to increase profits. Miss Bernadette Hilloe, Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, said the Government was driving women out of the labour market to help to keep unemployment figures down. It was being done by slashing social security provisions for women and eroding maternity benefits.

Miss Audrey Battry, National and Local Government Officers' Association, said new employers should receive explanatory literature showing the benefits of established pension schemes.

Mr Gordon Davies, Banking, Insurance and Finance Union, said many employers took money out of employees' pension funds through contribution holidays or simply reducing their contributions.

Mrs Linda Hannum, of the engineering union's Technical, Administrative and Supervisory Section (TASS), said that from next year the value of state maternity benefit would drop because of its being treated as taxable income.

The introduction of statutory maternity pay would give trade unions an opportunity to build on new obligations on employers.

Mr John Ellis said that, at present, employers paid two-thirds of the cost of most occupational pension schemes. Personal pensions loaded that on to the worker.

MSC JOBS

More control needed for programmes

The congress called on the general council to initiate more vigorous control of the Manpower Services Commission community programme.

A motion, moved by the Union of Construction, Allied Trades, and Technicians, was concerned that many community programmes had developed in housing, construction and environmental works and, unless strictly controlled, might represent a substitute for full-time, permanent jobs.

The motion, carried unanimously, called for a reduction in part-time employment on the programme and an increase in the proportion of entrants taken on to full-time jobs.

There should also be a big

increase in the average wage of £67 a week and an end to provisions on eligibility that discriminated against women.

Mrs Pat Turner, of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers, and Allied Trades Union, condemned a situation under which unemployed married women with husbands working were denied the right to participate in an important public employment scheme.

TUC figures

There are 1,180 delegates at this year's congress, representing 88 trade unions. Membership of TUC-affiliated unions is 9,560,000, compared with a peak of 12,000,000 in 1970.

GCHQ

Ovation for 'spy centre' union rebels

Trade unionists from the Government Communications Headquarters were given a standing ovation by delegates when they unfurled their union banner from the balcony during a debate condemning the Government's union ban at the Cheltenham intelligence-gathering centre.

A motion congratulating all workers at the GCHQ who had remained in or rejoined their trade unions since the ban was imposed in January 1984 was passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Mr Alan Healey, Association of First Division Civil Servants, moving the motion, which condemned the imposition of fines and penalties for trade union membership at the GCHQ and reaffirmed a determination to continue the campaign to restore trade

union rights, said victory would come.

The question of whether trade union membership would subject workers to the risk of blackmail had been at issue. The fact that members had withstood two years of blackmail from the Government proved there was no such risk.

The motion, he said, sought to restore trade union rights as they had existed before the ban. That meant members not having to return to the GCHQ on their knees and accepting a watered-down version.

"They want and deserve the full set," he said.

The ban had been imposed because the Government claimed that trade union membership produced a conflict of loyalties. Members had not been aware of any such

conflict until it was pointed out by the Government.

Important concessions had been won from the Government over the threat of disciplinary action and possible dismissal for those unionists who refused to resign or who had since rejoined.

That climbdown had been achieved by trade union pressure and that pressure should be maintained until the pledge of restoration of full union rights had been fulfilled.

Mr Tom Sawyer, deputy general secretary of Nupe, seconded the motion, said 7,000 men and women had been denied the basic freedom of belonging to a trade union and 50 men and women continued to fight for their liberties and livelihood while retaining their union membership.

The problem was not one for

the civil servants' unions but a problem for the whole movement. The congress had a duty to see that it remained at the top of the agenda.

Mr Wyn Bevan, EETPU, said the congress should unite to protect the rights of fellow trade unionists who had been victimized by the Government's policies.

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, said the general council gave its full support to the motion while paying tribute to those who had fought for and won some important victories for members at the GCHQ. Those victories had not been achieved without sacrifices.

"Our pledge to them," he said, "is to see full rights are restored at GCHQ. Martial law will be lifted at Cheltenham."

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

During last year's conference season Neil Kinnock established his reputation for political courage. Nobody could have asked for more forthright attacks on Arthur Scargill's leadership of the miners or on the Liverpool Militants.

This year Mr Kinnock's task is to establish his reputation for political weight. He has to rise above the level of the embattled party leader to that of the potential Prime Minister.

His speech to the TUC yesterday was a deliberate attempt to respond to that challenge. It amounted to a diplomatically phrased declaration of independence

Authority call well received

for the Labour Party from the trade unions. He was looking for a partnership and concerted action, but a Labour government under his leadership would not be subservient to them.

That is precisely the kind of assurance that the country wants from a Labour leader. It does not want a government that will rule in the interests of the unions or one that will simply accept the national priorities dictated by union leaders who are not answerable to the national electorate.

In the past one of Labour's strongest claims to office was that as the party closest to the unions it would stand the best chance of restraining the irresponsible use of their power. But now that the country is no longer so in awe of the unions that claim has ceased to be relevant. The more that Labour is able to establish a reasonable distance between itself and the unions, the better its electoral prospects will be.

This is recognised by the unions themselves. Their confidence has been sapped by

Spiritedness and clear sincerity

their experience under Mrs Thatcher. They know that they are not loved and that their influence has diminished. They are almost as desperate as Mr Kinnock for the return of a Labour government.

That probably explains why the conference gave such an enthusiastic reception to Mr Kinnock's assertion of authority. Another possibility is that the unions may not be convinced that he really means it or that he will be able to make it effective when the pressure comes.

In general terms he said with spirit and evident sincerity yesterday everything that he could reasonably have been expected to say. For that reason it was a notable speech. But it was only in general terms. The next test will be whether he is able to live up to these pronouncements.

The TUC has this week given formal backing to his policy on industrial relations legislation, but will be able to avoid the Labour Party being stamped out outright opposition to nuclear power, which the conference will be debating tomorrow?

Speech proclaims economic realism

Before Mr Kinnock rose to speak yesterday the conference was voting for increases in pensions and other social benefits that would impose an impossible burden on the economy. The logic of his speech was that such demands will be ignored. Not because he was renouncing Labour's social conscience, but because he was proclaiming Labour's economic realism.

Mr Kinnock went out of his way to emphasise that there would be no easy options. That was wise for two reasons.

It will damage Labour's electoral chances if the party seems to be making unrealistic promises, and a Labour government would be doomed if it is burdened with excessive commitments. But will Labour leaders be able to resist the pressures from their supporters inside and outside the unions?

Mr Kinnock has provided a valuable general declaration against which the specifics of Labour policy should now be judged.

TUC hears Kinnock's plans

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economy and restoring the public services.

His tone, sombre yet determined, was in tune with the strong sense of realism running through the debates.

His promise of a new order for democratic socialism was coupled with tough words about the stance he would adopt towards those, in and out of the movement, who might try to frustrate his goals.

Mr Kinnock said: "The Labour government that I lead will be geared to gaining jobs above all else."

"If co-operation and agreement are not given in any quarter it might slow the pace..."

"But I tell you and everyone else now it will not change the direction."

He said that, although he could be helped or hindered in his task, he could not be diverted.

Mr Kinnock, who spoke for 44 minutes, received the customary standing ovation from delegates. In his speech he also dampened expectations of a big spending boost under a Labour government.

In a section aimed at a wider audience than his trade union supporters, he said that the proposed "single-minded attack on unemployment and under-investment" must inevitably siphon off money that could be put to good use elsewhere.

Emphasizing that he was issuing "no blank cheques, no rubber stamps", Mr Kinnock said: "I want everyone to understand that absolute commitment to combating unemployment and decline must command great resources and that has direct implications for the use of funds in every other area of public spending."

Today's agenda

Business today at the congress opens with a debate on education and continues with economic policy, which includes the statutory minimum wage, collective bargaining and low pay. The congress will also be asked to approve a motion calling for the re-nationalization of British Telecom.



Mr Ben Rubner addressing the congress yesterday.

BOYCOTT CALL

Co-ops are criticized in 'Silentnight' protest

The Co-operative Wholesale Society was criticized in a unanimous resolution, expressing grave concern that it had been deeply involved in buying beds from Silentnight throughout the long industrial dispute between that company and the Furniture Timber and Allied Trades Union.

The motion called on the Co-op to join the national boycott of Silentnight products.

Mr Ben Rubner, general secretary of the union, moving the motion, said that an approach to the management by a group of clergymen had recently been rejected.

Appealing for support from the wholesale society, he said that it was wrong to put commercial interest before moral responsibility and obligation. Thirty per cent of CVS bed sales were Silentnight beds.

Mr Tom Foster, National Union of Public Employees, seconded, said that trade unionists who lost their jobs needed the collective support

of the trade union movement. Health services—a motion condemning the action of health authorities in rubber stamping present government policies on privatization, health service cuts and community care, was agreed unanimously on a show of hands.

It also proposed that district health authorities should be composed of elected members and staff representatives.

Mr David Williams, Confederation of Health Service Employees, proposing the motion, said the National Health Service was run by hand-picked government henchmen with the aim of destroying everything achieved since 1948.

Seconding the motion, Mr Tony Griffiths, National Union of Public Employees, said new management programmes had wrested the NHS away from the people who had created it and put it into the hands of the friends of the Government.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION

Cancer vaccines • Childbirth procedures • Transplant operations

Vaccine trials to beat liver cancer hailed as medical landmark

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The first attempt to prevent one of the common human cancers by vaccination was described as "a landmark in medicine" by Professor Arie Zuckerman, one of the scientists involved, to a meeting of the Biomedical Sciences section of the British Association, in Bristol yesterday.

He gave details of an international trial organized by the World Health Organization, to halt liver cancer caused by hepatitis B virus.

The World Health Organization was also recommending to the Department of Health in Britain, and other governments, the routine vaccination of the population at risk of contracting hepatitis B infection, he said. That included doctors, nurses, ambulance men, paramedical staff, public health workers, policemen and firemen, as well as drug addicts and prostitutes.

The preparation for neutralizing the hepatitis B infection was the most advanced piece of research from a number of results presented to the association for vaccines to prevent virus-induced cancers, and to give immunity against Aids.

More than 25 per cent of cancers are now thought to be induced by viruses.

The new protective compounds share a common characteristic. They have become possible only because of advances in genetic engineering, which makes it feasible for naturally-occurring, or chemically-synthesized, virus molecules to be extracted from one organism and spliced into another.

In the case of hepatitis B, the scientists isolated a protein molecule from the coating of the virus. That particle was enough to provide protection, because when introduced into people, it stimulated the defence system just as if infection had occurred with the whole virus.

The molecule was incorporated into the vaccine used normally to safeguard against smallpox.

Professor Zuckerman, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said primary liver cancer was one of the 10 most common cancers in the world, with more than 250,000 new cases

each year. The average survival time was only three to four months, and infection with that virus resulted in up to 80 per cent of patients contracting cancer.

The most startling prediction to the meeting came from Professor Bill Jarrett, of the University of Glasgow Veterinary School. He forecast that a vaccine should be ready in three to four years to prevent Aids.

Professor Jarrett pioneered the development of a vaccine that protected cats against leukaemia. He was invited into the international medical research effort on Aids because his work on feline leukaemia involved a similar sort of retrovirus to that which causes Aids.

One of the achievements in his animal work was that infected cats also recovered by treatment after infection.

Scientists have been baffled how to approach vaccination against Aids because the disease causes the body's immune system to collapse. There is nothing for a vaccination to stimulate to produce the normal protection in the form of antibodies.



Mrs Savage addressing the Bristol conference yesterday. She says thousands of women and babies are at risk because of unnecessary interventions by doctors.

Savage attack on doctors over birth 'tragedies'

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Doctors may be putting thousands of women and their babies at risk and wasting many millions of pounds by unnecessary child birth interventions and procedures, Mrs Wendy Savage, the consultant obstetrician, said yesterday.

Women and children were suffering because doctors were pursuing "an unattainable goal" of zero mortality in childbirth, she said.

"That pursuit can cause tragedies for thousands of women who are subjected to unnecessary interventions," she told sociologists.

There was no evidence that ultra-sound scanning saved babies' lives, but as many as 80 per cent of pregnant women were routinely scanned at a cost to the National Health Service of about £12.5 million a year, she said.

Mrs Savage, a leading campaigner for natural childbirth, is due to return to her post in an east London hospital in two weeks after being cleared of charges of professional incompetence. She had been suspended for 15 months.

She called yesterday for women to fight to remove the power that obstetricians held over them. Only 1 per cent of women now had their babies at

home rather than in hospital, but there was no evidence that hospital deliveries were safer, she said.

By treating every pregnancy as an illness many obstetricians were destroying the "exciting and thrilling experience" of childbirth, she said.

Women were being given the idea that childbirth was becoming more and more technical, with the result that doctors had almost complete power of deciding how and where the birth should take place.

Mrs Savage called for an increased role for midwives, for changes in the training and appointment of consultant obstetricians and for more research on the safety of different options for childbirth.

Dr Linda Ward, of the Department of Mental Health at Bristol University, told the conference that the opinions of the medical profession "continue to outweigh the views or rights of ordinary women" in fertility control.

Scientific and technical advances in reproduction and fertility control were being achieved outside the control of the women themselves, she said.

Saving life must be 'costed' for NHS

New medical procedures aimed at saving lives should not be funded by the National Health Service until their costs and benefits have been properly evaluated, a leading researcher said yesterday (Our Science Correspondent writes).

Although the heart transplant programmes have been assessed, there are "enormous and quite unacceptable gaps" in many other medical areas, Mr Martin Buxton said.

"It is not acceptable any longer to ignore information on costs or benefits where such information exists and to revert to emotional appeal, rhetoric or political expediency," he said.

Mr Buxton, senior research fellow in health economics at Brunel University, led a study published last year into the heart transplant programmes in Britain.

The study showed that surgery costs have fallen substantially while the length of patients' survival after the operation has significantly increased.

But heart transplantation was an exception, he said. "Liver transplantation, for example, has never been subjected to economic evaluation."

Threat of rabies for Britain

By Our Science Correspondent

Britain could face an epidemic of rabies that would spread through the country at a rate of more than a mile a week, an expert said yesterday.

Although the "particularly horrifying disease" would apparently vanish after its first wave, it would re-emerge in some areas every six years, Professor James Murray said.

The rabies epidemic sweeping through Europe has effectively reached the northern coast of France, mostly spread by foxes, he said. Predicting that it will probably affect Britain, Professor Murray said:

"The resulting problem will be particularly serious here because of our high density of foxes, both urban and rural, and domestic dogs and cats."

The disease would probably enter Britain through the illegal importation of an infected animal, he said. If the disease was introduced in Southampton it might reach as far north as Manchester in about three-and-a-half years, Professor Murray, director of the Centre for Mathematical Biology at Oxford University, said.

One method of stopping the spread would be by creating a rabies "break" ahead of the front, scattering meat impregnated with rabies vaccine in fox territory. That would reduce the unprotected fox population to a level below the threshold for an epidemic to exist, he said.

Professor Murray's department calculated the rate of spread of the disease by analysing the numbers of foxes in Britain. The main epidemic front would move at speeds of about 100 kilometres (62½ miles) a year, he said.

The vaccination project would be preferable to the widespread slaughter of foxes, he said.

Back to hippos in Leeds

By Our Science Editor

Man-made pollution of the atmosphere could cause a return to the days when the hippopotamuses roamed north of Leeds or when polar bears swam in the Thames.

The evidence that those creatures existed in Britain — when the weather was hot enough for the hippo 120,000 years ago and cold enough for the polar bear only 18,000 years ago — was outlined by Dr John Flenley, of Hull University, to geologists meeting at the British Association in Bristol.

He was talking about the changes in the animal and plant populations of the past two million years, which included dramatic periods when extinctions of many species occurred.

He said some changes, especially the extinction of large animals, could be explained by climatic change. But there was growing evidence that man had a hand in those extinctions.

The world's "megafauna", which embraced mammoths, giant deer, giant kangaroos and giant emus, did not, as previously thought, lose their food supply, they became one.

It was possible to unravel 20 complete cycles of temperature change in the past two million years, each climatic cycle lasting about 100,000 years.

While the cause for the cycles was uncertain, changes in the Earth's orbit might have had a prime effect. But the conditions were exaggerated by other mechanisms.

"It is an extremely sobering thought that we are at present interfering with one of those mechanisms, the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, by burning fossil fuels then destroying the rain forests."

While Dr Flenley was interpreting the geological evidence, a group of scientists from the Meteorological Office explained that the temperature at the surface of the Earth would be 30°C colder were it not for the gases in the atmosphere.

St Mark's inquiry

Diocese defends plan for church restaurant

Plans by Garfunkels, the fast-food chain, to turn a disused church into a restaurant were defended on the first day of a public inquiry in central London yesterday.

Conservationists fear the scheme will destroy the Italian-style nineteenth-century interior of St Mark's Church, North Audley Street, Mayfair.

The church, empty since 1976, is owned by the Church of England's London diocese, which favours the conversion.

Mr David Mole, on behalf of the diocese, denied that the scheme would ruin the church's Regency architecture.

"Very few changes of significance are proposed. What is important and valuable in this building will be retained and enhanced," he said.

The church was now very dilapidated and in need of repair work estimated at £290,000.

He denied that the church would become a hamburger joint if the plans were accepted. "Garfunkels propose

restaurant at the top end of the market and they feel it should not be too large."

Conservationists fear the restaurant will increase the volume of traffic, injure resident amenities and intrude into the local environment.

"This is not a silken backwater or some rural area," Mr Mole said. "This site is 100 yards from Oxford Street, and I am sure there are noisier places but it would take time to think of one."

The diocese considered the church was unsuitable for use by other Christian religions, Mr Mole added.

"This church represents an asset to the diocese, which needs to make the most of what assets it has."

St Mark's, which is a grade-one listed building, was used by the American church for two years after it closed in 1974.

On Friday the inquiry will hear objections by individual groups including Save Britain's Heritage, English Heritage, The Mayfair Residents' Association and

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Pilot had heart attack before mid-air crash which claimed 85 lives

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

The pilot of the small plane which ploughed into the rear of an Aero Mexico airliner on Sunday near here had suffered a heart attack just minutes before the mid-air collision that took 85 lives.

Mr Bill Gold, spokesman for the Los Angeles County Coroner, said that the heart attack "definitely" happened before the single-engine Piper plane struck the DC 9, which was about to land at Los Angeles airport.

"He had suffered an occlusive coronary artery disease — or heart attack — within minutes before his death, which is to say it happened after he took off from Torrance airport (a suburb of Los Angeles) and before the collision," Mr Gold said.



Mr William Kramer: alleged pilot of the small plane

"We don't know the exact timing or severity of the attack or whether it rendered him unconscious. He did not die of a heart attack death was due to multiple traumas suffered in the crash."

Although the identity of the pilot and his two women passengers was not disclosed, *The Los Angeles Times* reported yesterday that the man at the controls of the Piper was believed to have been Mr William Kramer, aged 53, a company executive who lived with his family of five in the Los Angeles suburb of Palos Verdes.

He, his wife, Kathleen, and her sister, Caroline, were believed to have died in the crash. Mr Kramer was an experienced pilot who had logged 230 hours of flying time in five years.

The death toll stood at 85 yesterday. That included 58 passengers and six crew on the DC 9, the three occupants of the Piper and 18 people in the Los Angeles suburb of Cerritos, where the airliner and the Piper fell.

Fifteen of the dead were unearthed on Monday night from the charred rubble of one devastated home. They were all attending a weekend party. Another 15 people were

listed as "officially missing". Federal officials said that it appeared that the Piper broke off the DC 9's horizontal stabilizer — a section of the tail gear crucial to controlling the airliner. It then nose-dived into the houses below. The Piper crashed into an empty school-yard.

What has made the search difficult for rescuers is that the bodies, many of them dismembered, were scattered over a very large area.

Yesterday the traffic controller in charge of the board at Los Angeles airport at the time of the collision was taking what officials term "a routine drug test".

The controller has said that he did not see any blip on his radar screen indicating that the Piper may have strayed into an area clearly defined as a path used by jets about to land. However a transponder, a device which sends out signals to controllers, was found near the mangled wreckage of the Piper. It was turned on.

There was also speculation here that the pilot of the Piper may have wandered into the airliner's path while the controller was warning off a second small plane from the DC 9's landing path.

On the slow train to Jaffna

Fragile link opens up again

From Michael Hamlyn, Jaffna

In March, I took what proved to be the last train from Colombo, the Sri Lankan capital, to this, the capital of the Northern Province. The day after I travelled the train was blown up, and the vital link between the south and the rebel-infested northern peninsula was cut.

From then onwards, the train travelled only as far as Vavuniya, the last outpost of Sinhalese settlement before the country became wholly dominated by the Tamils, the country's minority ethnic group.

Though the rail link is vital for Tamils living in the Jaffna Peninsula, it has also been a useful way for the Sri Lankan Army to move men and equipment to the north. So though the local inhabitants promptly blamed the Army for having blown up the rails, it seems much more likely that the Tamil guerrillas themselves did it.

On the day last week that I was due to go north again, the authorities announced that for the first time the train would continue beyond Vavuniya. Likely to cut several hours of jolting bus travel off the journey, it seemed a good omen.

When I went to buy a ticket the day before, however, no one seemed to have told the clerk about the extension to the journey. I had to wait until five the next morning before I could pay the fare to Kilinochchi, the last good-sized town before the peninsula.

The train drew out promptly at 5.50 pm. It was packed. Small boys selling bottles of soda, buns, biscuits or fruit wandered the aisles. There was a brisk trade in refreshing coconuts.

A man opposite told me he was a merchant seaman, going home with his mother's ashes. Our bags were searched (again) by two policemen.

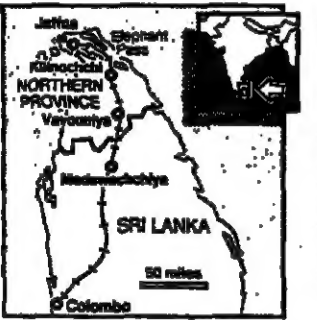
The stations ticked slowly by and the countryside changed from the lush, dense palm plantations of the moist southern half of the country to open fields of rice paddy and

then the tangled thornbush jungle of the dry zone.

At Medawachchiya, about 30 miles short of Vavuniya, the train halted for a long, long wait. An Army helicopter flew by, once high and once low enough to see the faces of the young soldiers pointing their automatic rifles out of the doorway.

Medawachchiya's station master had heard a distant bang on the rails and was not taking the chance of sending the train on until he was sure the track was clear.

After an hour or so the driver blew his whistle, and we drew on to Vavuniya — to be told that this was the terminus again: the terrorists had that morning severed the line in



two places just outside the town, blowing up culverts to make sure nothing moved farther north that day.

We boarded buses that the authorities efficiently had waiting for us. On my bus there were 40 seats and 75 passengers.

There was no air conditioning, and passengers long gone had taken away the fans for souvenirs or to furnish their own homes. It got quite warm during the next six hours.

Evidence of the increasing bitterness of the Tamil insurgency accumulated as the bus lurched and bumped over grossly potholed roads to the north. Beside the railway track on our left, we passed the rusting remains of a train blown up a year ago, which had been carrying soldiers. Thirty of them died.

Kilinochchi, astonishingly, has become a ghost town. The bus pulled up to get clearance to continue its journey, and

was surrounded by no one. No vendors tripped over from the near by market, for there was no one there. Empty plastic sheeting slapped loudly in the breeze.

The inhabitants had preferred to move out rather than stay to become victims of the crossfire between the young gunmen of the Tamil separatist movements and the Sri Lankan Army, which had established a big encampment there.

At Elephant Pass, the narrow isthmus isolated among the salt pans through which all road and rail traffic to Jaffna must go, all the men were made to get down in order to have their credentials checked. It was done, the travellers said, much more politely than it has often been.

As the bus rolled through the checkpoint on the peninsula, the atmosphere inside lightened. It was apparent that there were to be no more checks. The Tamil passengers were now in their home territory, where the Army stays in its camps and the militants rule.

But arriving at Jaffna showed some of the cost to be paid for that security. Confining the Army to its camps has its price.

Jaffna has been declared to be more or less a free-fire zone, and shells and mortars whistling out of the Jaffna Fort have caused much damage. A bank manager was killed outside his bank in the heart of the town last week (and his fiancée committed suicide later) when a mortar fell in Hospital Road. A new bridegroom and his new father-in-law were killed the same day.

The Ashoka Hotel, which stands a few hundred yards from the walls of the Fort, has been hit at least three times in recent months.

Room 217 is a shambles of broken glass from the impact of a rocket. Though I was well tired by the 12-hour journey from the south, sleep came unobtainably in a room facing the Fort.

Khamenei silenced by Mugabe

From a Correspondent Harare

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, faced his first problems yesterday as incoming chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement when he asked President Khamenei of Iran to cut short an hour-long diatribe against Iraq and the superpowers.

President Khamenei, a grimly forbidding figure in his grey and black Muslim clerical robes, demanded the expulsion of Iraq from the Movement and rejected any attempt at mediation in the six-year Gulf War which "lacked necessary attention to the important element of justice".

The sudden arrival on Monday of Colonel Qaddafi, the Libyan leader, threatened to raise tensions when he reportedly said that he had come to put an end to the Movement's pretensions to neutrality between East and West. It had to choose between imperialism or revolution, he said.

Referring to Monday's appeal by the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Mr Yasser Arafat, for Iran to turn its guns on Tel Aviv and Pretoria, President Khamenei scornfully accused the PLO of trying with a compromise with Zionism.

Mr Oliver Tanbo, president of the African National Congress, confirmed that he is prepared to meet Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, next month. "We will be making the point that the people of southern Africa are astounded by the attitude of the British Government to apartheid," he said.

Fifty-seven heads of state and government are thought to be attending the summit, which is to close on Sunday. Leading article, page 13

Sunk Soviet liner was used by Nazis

Bremen (Reuters) — The Soviet passenger ship that sank in the Black Sea on Sunday was one of the best-known German liners built after the First World War and served for a time as a hospital ship for wounded German troops.

A spokesman for the Vulkan shipyard where it was built said yesterday that the 17,053-ton Admiral Nakhimov, built in 1925 and originally called the Berlin, was used on the North Atlantic route between Bremen and New York in the 1920s and 1930s.

"It was one of the most luxurious ships around at the time, extremely modern in its fittings and with space for 1,200 passengers," he said.

According to Soviet reports, the vessel sank with 1,234 people on board after a collision with a Soviet cargo ship.

After the outbreak of the Second World War the liner lay off the Norwegian coast and was used as a hospital ship.



Mr Gekdar Aliyev, the Politburo member who will head an inquiry into the sinking

for German troops. On February 1, 1945, while being used to transport refugees, it was hit by bombs and sunk.

After the Soviet Union raised the wreck in 1948 and renamed it the Admiral Nakhimov, it became the flagship of the Soviet Black Sea cruise fleet in the 1950s, on regular service between the ports of Odessa and Batumi.

The shipyard spokesman said it was possible that the liner was used in the Nazis' Strength through Joy programme, which offered state-run holidays for good workers, but added that documents from this period were missing.

A spokesman for the West German maritime museum in the north German port of Bremerhaven later confirmed that the Admiral Nakhimov had taken young Nazis on state-run cruises.

"It was used twice in 1939 for such purposes, but the liner was found not to be big enough for the purpose," he said.

Recent sea disasters:

July 26, 1956: Italian liner Andrea Doria sinks in Atlantic after collision; 52 dead.
July 14, 1957: Soviet ship Eschlagbad run aground in Caspian; 270 dead.
April 10, 1961: Bomb kills 212 on British liner Dora in Gulf.
July 8, 1961: Portuguese ship Sava runs aground off Mozambique; 259 dead.
Nov. 13, 1965: Cruise ship Yarmouth Castle in Caribbean; 90 dead.
May 1, 1974: Bangladeshi launch capsizes; 250 dead.
Sept. 26, 1974: Soviet destroyer in Black Sea; 200 dead.
Jan. 27, 1981: Indonesian ship Tamponas II catches fire and sinks in Java Sea; 580 dead.
May 25, 1983: Nile steamer Ramadan sinks; 270 dead.

Journalist was 'caught red-handed'

From Christopher Walker Moscow

The Soviet authorities yesterday defended their continued detention of Nicholas Daniloff, the American correspondent held on suspicion of espionage, and denied Western charges that his arrest had been stage-managed by the KGB after the seizure of a Soviet physicist in New York.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Kremlin's chief spokesman, told a specially-convened news conference that the results of the investigation of Mr Daniloff would go to a Soviet court, which would decide whether he would be charged and face trial.

"Daniloff was caught, unfortunately, for the journalistic community, red-handed, with a sealed envelope which contained secret documents," Mr Gerasimov said. "I can stress that he has no complaints about how he is treated."

He said the incident should not affect US-Soviet relations. The arrest, which has angered the Reagan Administration considerably, took place on Saturday, after Mr Daniloff went to the outskirts of Moscow to meet a Soviet teacher whom he had known casually for several years. A package handed to him was later found to contain secret military material.

Pressed by journalists in the large Foreign Ministry press centre, Mr Gerasimov denied that he was prejudging the case when he said that the US *News & World Report* correspondent had been "caught at the scene of the crime". He said: "He received secret information. This fact in itself accuses the man."

In an attempt to justify the move, which Mr Daniloff's relatives are convinced is linked directly to the arrest in New York of a Soviet employee at the United Nations, Mr Gerasimov said: "If he goes... to meet somebody, and that somebody gives him an envelope... he made the decision and you must take the consequences."

A campaign to secure Mr Daniloff's early release was launched here by the chairman of US *News & World Report*, Mr Mortimer Zuckerman, who held a first round of talks with Mr Georgi Arbatov, a senior Kremlin adviser on US-Soviet relations.

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Chilean editor on charge of slander

Santiago — Chilean police have seized the latest edition of the opposition magazine *Analisis* and charged Señor Juan Pablo Cardenas, its director, with slandering President Pinochet (a Correspondent writes).

This follows the raid on Sunday on another opposition publication, the moderate democratic magazine *Cauce*.

The charge is thought to refer to the well-known call by *Analisis* for support for the planned day of protest tomorrow against the imprisonment of *Cauce's* director and journalist on charges of slandering the Armed Forces. Prisoner of Conscience, page 8

Uganda coup plot broken

Nairobi — Twenty-five people have been arrested after the discovery of an alleged coup plot in Uganda by what a government newspaper, *New Vision*, described as the "lunatic fringe" of the Royalist movement in the former kingdom of Buganda (Charles Harrison writes).

The newspaper said that the arrests were made when intelligence officers broke into a meeting of the group five miles from Kampala.

Life terms for tobacco heir

Naples, Florida (AP) — Steven Benson, heir to a tobacco fortune, has been sentenced to two consecutive life terms for killing his mother and adopted brother by blowing up the family car with pipe bombs.

Benson was convicted of causing the fatal explosion in front of his home. Prosecutors said he feared his mother was about to cut him from her \$6 million will.

Bindel back

Nordenham (AP) — Herr Wolfgang Bindel, the West German ship captain said to have smuggled more than 150 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees into Canada, arrived home, saying he wished to comment later on the allegations.

Fraga switch

Madrid (Reuters) — Señor Manuel Fraga, head of Spain's right-wing Popular Alliance, has dismissed Señor Jorge Verstrynge, the Alliance secretary-general, and replaced him with Señor Alberto Ruiz Gallardon, a lawyer aged 27.

New Cabinet

Nicosia (Reuters) — The President of the self-proclaimed Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Mr Rauf Denktash, has approved a new coalition Cabinet presented by the Prime Minister, Mr Derviş Eroglu, after the collapse of his last administration over economic policy.

Rocket test

Moscow (Reuters) — The Soviet Union will test-fire booster rockets in the Pacific Ocean between September 4 and 13 and has asked international shipping and airlines not to enter the affected areas between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. local time daily.

Fallen star

The Hague (Reuters) — Rudi Kooymans, the former European boxing champion and one of the best-known sportsmen in The Netherlands, has been jailed for nine months for dealing in hashish.

Azores floods

Ponta Delgada, Azores (Reuters) — At least three people were killed and several injured when floods destroyed homes and swept away vehicles on São Miguel island in the Azores archipelago.

Cutting down

Stockholm — In an attempt to cut drunkenness, the head of Sweden's National Social Welfare Board, Mrs Maj-Britt Sandlund, is calling for legislation forcing public houses to introduce one or two alcohol-free evenings each week.

Runner weds

Bangkok (Reuters) The British round-the-world runner, Henry Weston, has returned to Thailand to marry Pet Lunakun, aged 25, whom he met during his controversial run to raise funds for wildlife.

Heroin haul

Madrid — Spanish police have arrested three Iranians in connection with a find of 38.6 lb of heroin worth £7.5 million hidden in a camper van in a Madrid suburb.

Head man

Dhaka — President Ershad has been elected chairman of the Bangladesh ruling Jatiya party.

Snake pets

Stockholm — After the confiscation by Swedish Customs of 500 poisonous snakes, police are questioning 40 people accused of having smuggled the reptiles and tortoises for sale.

Swiss find no gas threat in Cameroon

From Gavin Bell Bamenda

Fears of another volcanic gas explosion in Cameroon receded yesterday when Swiss scientists said they had detected no unusual activity in a volcanic lake near the scene of last month's disaster.

The geologists were asked to survey Lake Wum after reports of gas emissions.

On their return, a member of the Swiss team said they had found no danger signs. Traces of carbon dioxide and various acid gases were present in the water, but only in normal quantities.

Three held for consul murder

Bogota — Colombian police have charged a man with the murder in June of Mr Geoffrey Hutchinson, Britain's honorary consul in the port-city of Barranquilla (Geoffrey Matthews writes).

Señor Hernando Arrieta Barros, aged 30, was arrested on Sunday after his brother and another man had been

Prince's visit marks 350 Harvard years

From Paul Valley Boston

The Prince of Wales today begins a busy schedule in Massachusetts, where he is to be the guest of honour at a memorial ball to mark the 350th anniversary of America's oldest university, Harvard.

The Prince, who was due to fly into Boston late last night, is to visit laboratories at Lowell, the centre of the state's burgeoning computer industry, which until recently was an area of urban decline. It suffered severely through the collapse of the textile industry.

Afterwards he will take part in a seminar on youth unemployment and visit British businesses in the Boston area. Tomorrow he will give the opening address at the first of three convocations to mark the 350th anniversary of Harvard University.

Other events in the three-day festivities include an address by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and more than 100 symposia designed to set out the university's "wares" before thousands of visiting ac-

Tanker armada runs Gulf gauntlet for Iran's oil

From Robert Fisk, Larak Island Oil Loading Station, Iran

At first, you see only a heat haze and a rim of brownish smoke along the horizon. The radar gives it away, a green smudge of land to port and, a little to the north-east of it, a series of thin outlines, like footprints on the black sea, fading and reappearing as the beam picks them out.

On the screen, the glow-worm lights are all that reveals Iran's economic lifeline to the outside world, the small armada of merchant ships and oil tankers which, unarmed and sailing alone through the Gulf, ultimately earn the money to pay for Iran's colossal war with Iraq.

In the humidity on deck, where the temperature climbs to 120 degrees, you can soon make out the beaches of Larak Island, the black pyramids of rock behind them and the winding military road which the sea-men tell you services the new ground-to-air missiles which the Iranians have secreted in the dunes.

And then you see the ships. They are spread out on the far horizon, riding at anchor under that canopy of brown smoke: shuttle ships, mother ships, export vessels, among the largest and most modern in the world.

There is a deep Yorkshire break in a Scotsman's voice with a bearing east of 56 degrees 30, the official eastern limit of the war zone for the shipping insurance agencies. "Come in Bandar Abbas coastguard," a Filipino voice pleads. "Turn to 14," says the



then: "They are not going to reply to you."

The ships load all night, pumping oil from the Kharg shuttle ferries into the anchored mother ships and across to the tankers about to head into the Gulf of Oman, sometimes three ships nestling together to perform the act of trans-shipment.

It is an intimacy no ship's master really approves of. No-one wants an Iraqi bomber pilot to hit three ships in one run over the target.

If the scene reminds one of a newsreel image of World War II, it is with good reason. For Iran's oil exports through Larak are every bit as important to its war effort as were Britain's wartime sea lanes across the Atlantic.

between the tankers, carrying Iranian naval officers and tanker officials from Tehran who inquire into every engine fault, every crew dissatisfaction, every unexplained delay in loading and unloading.

The loaders are Iranian, the crews German, British, Dutch, Indian, Pakistani, Filipino and, of course, Iranian.

Clambering up the steel ladder of the Taffan, a 141,000-ton shuttle tanker down from Kharg, the Iranian flag snapping from its mast, I watched one of the helicopters touch down on the deck of the vessel a few hundred yards away.

From it emerged a clutch of Iranian naval officers and Mr Mohammed Soufi, chairman of the National Iranian Tanker Company, a neat, bearded man who seemed undismayed at the sight of a correspondent of *The Times* climbing on to one of his ships with a T-shirt tied round his head to protect him from the sun.

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Afghan mass migration plan to move 300,000 from border war zone

Kabul (Reuters) — Afghanistan plans to move as many as 300,000 people from its eastern provinces as part of a long-term strategy to develop the sensitive border with Pakistan, according to senior economic and military officials.

They would be moved from the east, where the Afghan Government is trying to seal the border against infiltrating Muslim rebels, to sparsely populated areas near the Iranian frontier.

The voluntary moves, from Kumar, Laghman and Paktia — all areas of fierce fighting — to Farah, Helmand and Nurez, would be made attractive with a wide range of credits and farm supplies, they said.

The assumption is that those who stay would increasingly support Kabul. Mountainous eastern Afghanistan, traditionally a poor and over-populated area, is the main crossing-ground for Western-backed rebels coming in from bases in Pakistan for attacks in the interior.

Soviet and Afghan forces sweep the area regularly, blocking supply routes, only to see them reopened when they withdraw.

Western diplomats here say that Dr Najib, the energetic new Communist Party chief, appears to have opted for a full-scale "hearts, minds and wallets" campaign to build government support there and block the rebels.

One envoy said that the plan sounded like the virgin lands drive of Nikita Khrushchev, the former Soviet leader, and the new economic zones which Hanoi gave to peasants to farm after the reuniting of Vietnam.

Dr Abdul Ghaffar Laksonval, the Agriculture Minister, stressed however that there would be benefits for those who stayed in the eastern zone.

The plan aimed, he said, to develop agriculture and light industry in the east, where there is high hidden unemployment. "So the surplus labour will have to be absorbed in the south-west."

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization has been asked to help with the resettlement.

About 45,000 acres of land will come under irrigation in Helmand and Nimroz, to take up to 15,000 families in the current five-year plan, he said.

The economic development of the border areas also links with political and religious programmes to attract the Pashtun tribes to the Kabul side.

Dr Laksonval acknowledged that there may be difficulties. "We do not want to destroy the traditional ways of the people," he said. "We will not force them to move."

Wide series of bilateral contacts arranged recently as part of the preparations for the summit meeting after a period of inactivity prompted by Soviet anger at the US bombing raids on Libya.

Arms control experts met on Friday and Saturday. Western diplomatic sources were pessimistic last night about the chances of any breakthrough in resolving the differences over Afghanistan.

July's announcement by Mr Gorbachev that six Soviet regiments — said to number about 8,000 soldiers — would be withdrawn by the end of the year has been dismissed as inadequate by Washington.

Exchange of views to pave way to summit

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

As part of the extensive groundwork for the second superpower summit meeting scheduled for later this year, US and Soviet officials yesterday began a two-day meeting on Afghanistan.

A spokesman for the US Embassy here said that the delegations would not attempt to negotiate an end to the seven-year-old conflict between Soviet-backed Afghan forces and Muslim rebels, but would exchange views in "working level" discussions.

The new talks are part of a

China spy chief flees to West

Peking (AFP) — A senior Chinese intelligence official has defected to the West, dealing China's overseas espionage network a significant blow, reliable sources here said yesterday.

They said that the official, Mr Yu San, had been promoted director of foreign affairs for the State Security Ministry shortly before he defected in January.

The highest ranking intelligence officer known to have gone to the West since the Communists came to power in China in 1949, he is believed to know the identities of operatives engaged in Chinese spy operations overseas.

The highly secretive State Security Ministry, which deals solely with espionage and counter-espionage, was a part of the Public Security Ministry until it was made a separate government agency in June 1983.

Sources said that Chinese officials believe Mr Yu to be releasing information slowly to ensure that his hosts will not return him under pressure from Peking.

His job would have made him privy to details of China's co-operation with foreign intelligence agencies, as well as to the names of many overseas contacts co-operating with China.

One source said that Mr Yu, who is in his late 30s, had been involved with a foreign woman believed to have helped to engineer his defection during a visit to Hong Kong. Another account said he is believed to be in Taiwan.

It is not immediately known whether there is any connection between Mr Yu's case and that of Larry Wu-Tai Chin, aged 63, a Chinese-born US citizen arrested in November and convicted of having spied for China for 30 years.

Mr Chin, who worked for the Central Intelligence Agency, said at his trial that a Chinese contact had defected and tipped off Washington.

He was sentenced to life imprisonment and fined \$2.5 million (£1.68 million), but committed suicide in jail by suffocating himself.

Mr Yu's family background suggests that he could have become disillusioned by the twists and turns of Chinese communist rule, analysts say, which helps to explain his decision to defect at a time when Chinese policies enjoy wide support in the West.

Downpour 'calamity' kills six

Manila (Reuters) — Six people have died in floods sweeping the northern Philippines and President Aquino, who had to leave the presidential palace in a rubber dinghy, declared a "state of calamity" in Manila yesterday.

The Red Cross said thousands had fled their homes since Typhoon Wayne brought heavy rain to western and northern Luzon Island on Monday.

President Aquino was ferried out of the palace and took a government bus to visit two evacuation centres in suburban Quezon City.

Police and relief agencies said that four adults were drowned yesterday — one in Manila, two in the northern Pangasinan province and one in Batuan, west of Manila.

In Batuan, a girl aged 18 months was also drowned when she fell from a house and a man was electrocuted.

The Government's national co-ordinating centre said that troops used amphibious lorries to rescue people.

Landslides marooned 1,500 commuters, mostly students, in Subuan town, the centre reported.

The Red Cross said that the 24-hour downpour flooded 24 towns, two cities and more than 100 villages in the provinces of Pangasinan and Pampanga.

A Manila cyclist fords a city street after Typhoon Wayne

Three Britons arrested after Emirate robbery

Sharjah (AP) — Three Britons have been arrested in the Gulf Emirate of Sharjah on charges of committing and assisting an armed robbery in which anaesthetic gas cylinders were used, police said yesterday.

The Britons, identified as David Neil, aged 34, Morgan Owen, aged 42, and David Hanson, are said to be accused of having drugged the cashier of a local company in this Gulf Emirate and robbed him of 31,000 dirhams (£5,650) by "armed means."

Two of the suspects allegedly came from Bangkok specially for the robbery, according to police sources.

Mr Neil had previously worked as a driver at al-Gellaf in Sharjah. He was arrested after being released on bail.

Back with a jolt after record flight



The Dutch Viking touching down with a bump in The Netherlands after its record flight across the Atlantic, to the obvious delight of Willem Hageman, a crewman, marking the success with raised arms and the widest of grins.

Almere (Reuters) — Three Dutch balloonists yesterday set a record for an Atlantic crossing but narrowly escaped disaster after suddenly losing height over a busy industrial area, flight officials said.

Speaking from Schiphol airport, Amsterdam, Mr Leo Tekstra, the operations leader, said the crew was forced to ditch sacks of lead ballast over Velsen after encountering a sudden downdraught while crossing the coastline at about 5 am.

Two bags smashed through the roofs of a steel plant and a frozen fish factory, one landing in a cloakroom around clocking-on time. No one was hurt.

"They were losing height fast and had to drop ballast quickly because the burners could not compensate — it was the only way to save the balloon and themselves," Mr Tekstra said.

The 15-storey-high balloon, called Dutch Viking, gained height, skirted Schiphol and was then brought down with a jolt just after 6 am in a cornfield near here, on the south Flevoland polder reclaimed from the sea in the 1960s.

The crew, the first Europeans to cross the Atlantic by balloon and including the first woman to make the trip, did so in 50 hours and 14 minutes, taking nearly two hours off a record set in 1984 by a solo American balloonist.

Hundreds of people watched as Henk Brink, aged 43, his wife Evelien, aged 30, and Willem Hageman, aged 39, emerged shaken from the craft. Mr Brink was taken to hospital but officials said that he was only bruised from handling the burners on landing.

Iran claims 700 Iraqis dead in twin attack

Nicosia (AP) — Iran claimed yesterday that its forces had stormed a strategic Iraqi radar installation in the Gulf while others destroyed three army bases in northern Iraq, killing 700 soldiers.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (Irna), monitored in Nicosia, said that the al-Amiq platform, 25 miles south of Iraq's Fao peninsula, was seized in a pre-dawn assault and its defenders killed or captured.

The agency also said that an Iraqi fighter-bomber was shot down by anti-aircraft fire during the attack. It said Iranian ships and marines later attacked the nearby al-Bakr platform "inflicting heavy casualties and damage" on the platform.

Irna claimed that Iranian coastal artillery in the southern sector of the 733-mile front pounded the Iraqi port of Umm Qasr.

The double-pronged Iranian assault in the northern and southern fronts has strengthened indications that Tehran's strategy is apparently to stretch Iraqi defences in preparation for a big push in the central sector.

Baghdad Radio later claimed in a statement that al-Amiq was deserted, but that Iraqi forces were "confronting the enemy with courage."

COLOGNE: The main Iranian opposition group, the People's Mujahideen, claimed yesterday that Tehran had pressed more than 30,000 schoolteachers into service on the Gulf War front in the past few weeks (Reuters reports).

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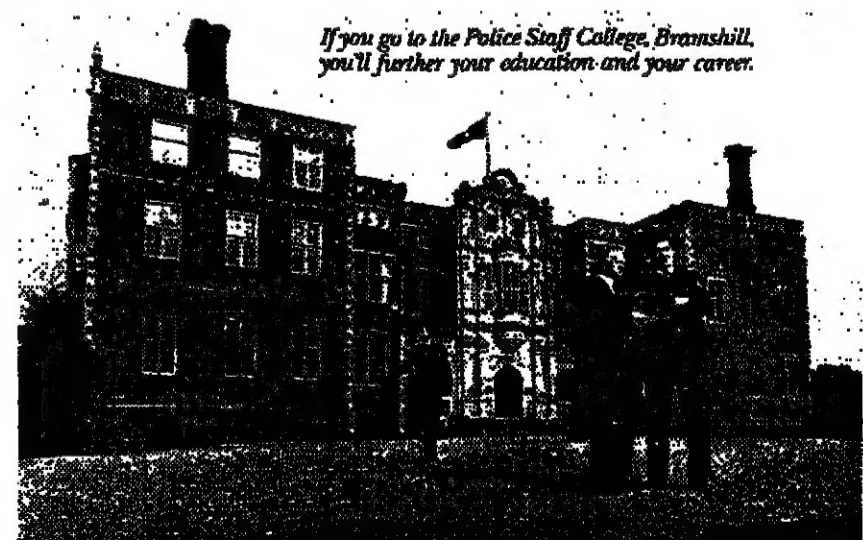
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Rival ministers agree accord in bid to end Beirut civil war

Beirut (Reuters) — Lebanon's Christian and Muslim ministers meeting for the first time in nine months agreed yesterday on a truce and a national charter intended to end the 11-year civil war.

The Sunni Muslim Prime Minister, Mr Rashid Karami, who called for new peace talks on August 19, announced the truce after a three-hour meeting of 10 rival ministers at the closed-down race track on Beirut's "green line" marking the religious divide.

"It was decided to announce a general open truce and to set up a national charter based on safeguarding Lebanon's unity, stressing its Arab identity, re-forming its political system, setting up a national army and liberating the south," Mr Karami said.

He said that a second meeting would be held on Friday to continue discussions on implementing yesterday's decisions.

More than 500 troops and security men cordoned the area and sharpshooters took position on roof tops.

Only a few sniper shots marred an unusual tranquility at the race-track as the ministers held their peace session.

Rival Christian and Muslim militiamen escorting them met face to face.

"We are one people after all — why can't we meet and talk?" said a Christian, smiling with a rival Shia Muslim Amal militiaman.

The peace talks were the first since a Syrian-mediated peace plan collapsed in January. President Assad of Syria has voiced his support for the talks.

But Mr Nabih Berri, the Shia Muslim Amal militia leader and Justice Minister, who arrived at the meeting flanked by more than 50 bodyguards, has said he is pessimistic about the outcome.

He said that he was ready only to discuss the Syrian-mediated peace plan, which granted Muslims more say in the present political system which favours Christians.

The Christian President, Gemayel, who returned from a private visit to France on Monday, did not attend the meeting. It was not known whether he will attend follow-up discussions.

Analysts say that even if the talks do achieve a truce, many obstacles remain.

Walters urges European vigilance

Brussels (Reuters) — President Reagan's special envoy, Mr Vernon Walters, warned the European allies yesterday about relaxing their guard against the terrorist threat from Libya, but did not urge new sanctions against Tripoli.

Mr Walters, who is on a week-long journey to drum up support for US policy on Libya, gave his warning at an hour-long meeting with the Belgian Foreign Minister, Mr Leo Tindemans.

He also met Nato's deputy Secretary-General, Signor Marcello Caidi, for discussions that covered "the struggle against terrorism throughout the world."

He later left for Paris and a working meeting with President Mitterrand.

Mr Walters had been widely expected to press for tough anti-Libyan sanctions after Washington's dismay earlier this year at the limited support from Europe for the US position on Libya.

But government sources here said that in his talks with Mr Tindemans he did not urge new sanctions, putting the accent instead on vigilance.

● BONN: West German officials said yesterday they had no evidence that Libya was preparing terrorist actions against US installations here or elsewhere (AP reports). Fighting imperialism, page 12



Mr Vernon Walters examining a map of the Brussels Metro after his discussions in the Belgian capital yesterday. President Reagan's envoy is a collector of Underground maps.

Murphy leaves Israel to see Husain

Jerusalem — The US assistant Secretary of State, Mr Richard Murphy, left Israel for Jordan yesterday to meet King Husain in a last-minute change of plan (David Bernstein writes).

The change was designed to enable him to meet King Husain before the Jordanian

king leaves for medical treatment in Europe.

Mr Murphy said that he was sounding out the position in Jerusalem, Cairo and Amman to brief Washington.

The press here has speculated that his visit may be part of efforts by the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, to

reach agreement and pave the way for an international peace conference.

Mr Peres hands over the premiership to the Foreign Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, next month, though a breakthrough could still bring down Israel's tenuous coalition Government.

Employee beaten to death in Japan rail sell-off protest

By David Watts

Japanese radicals are nothing if not open and consistent about their intentions.

When members of the left-wing Chukaku (Middle Core) group burst into Mr Masaaki Maeda's flat and beat him with steel pipes, he had known for some time that he was a probable target.

Chukaku had denounced his support of plans to break up and privatize the Japan National Railways (JNR) system, and had said he would pay for it.

Mr Maeda, a rail employee, died two hours after he and his wife, Noriko, were attacked early on Monday morning as they slept in special JNR employees' housing not far from the port city of Kobe. Mrs Maeda's condition is serious.

In co-ordinated attacks in six different places Chukaku members injured eight others either associated with or married to members of Shin-kokuro, a new breakaway railwaymen's union.

Shinkokuro split in April from the main rail union, Kokuro, over opposition to the privatization of JNR which will lead to extensive job losses.

Legislation calling for the break-up of JNR into regional companies and their subsequent sale to the private sector is expected to be passed by the Diet (Parliament) early next year. JNR's accumulated deficit stands at the equivalent of £101 billion.

Chukaku is the most active and well-publicized of some 25 radical left-wing groups in Japan opposed in varying degrees to the "fascist state". They champion the causes of those they feel are being trampled by the imperial and imperialist Government.

Monday's attack was the second major operation against government plans for JNR. Last winter, in an extremely efficient and well-coordinated operation in the early hours of the morning, they halted virtually the whole of JNR's Tokyo commuter

lines by severing signalling and control systems.

One railway station was set alight and gutted and some Chukaku members later arrested. Millions of commuters had to find other ways of getting to work. Japanese were shocked to find just how vulnerable to attack were the capital's superb rail systems.

The attack showed that Chukaku either had infiltrated the rail union extensively or had assistance from inside JNR. Police believe the former, and consider it likely that other unions may also have been infiltrated at a time when the few national unions in Japan are on the retreat.

Chukaku is fundamentally Trotskyite. Police believe that it has about 5,000 members, with an inner "revolutionary army" of 100-200 guerrilla fighters. It was probably members of this unit who carried out Monday's attacks.

When *The Times* interviewed Chukaku members in their fortress-like, banner-strewn headquarters in the suburbs of Tokyo earlier this year, their spokesmen refused to discuss the movement's strength but said that springtime rallies of 15,000 protesters at the new Narita international airport gave an indication of the size of its mass support.

Their language is laced with the terminology of revolution and there is no doubt they are every bit as disciplined and determined as the special riot police dispatched to contain the protests. The massive material success of Japan seems only to confirm them in the rightness of their cause.

Over the years the group has been responsible for 47 deaths, including that of Mr Maeda, some of them policemen assigned to quell the massive and violent protests against the construction at Narita, two hours from Tokyo.

But most of their victims have been members of their own and other radical groups who fell out in the early 1970s and set about each other with steel pipes.

Human rights workers terrorized by torture

By Caroline Moorehead

Marcela Pradenas Toro and Alejandro Herrera are two young people active in the community work of the Catholic Church in the *poblaciones*, the poor suburbs of Santiago.

Both were kidnapped by clandestine forces, popularly called "unknowns", between June and October 1985 — just two of the 64 cases of abduction reported during the year.

Marcela Pradenas has been attacked three times by the "unknowns". At the time of the third attack she was under police protection. Three hooded men broke into her house and burned crosses on to her face and chest with an ordinary domestic iron.

Alejandro Herrera, kidnapped in July 1985, was cut across the throat with a pen-knife. He was asked to become an informer, and told to stay away from the local priest. A month later his house was ransacked and the words "Death to Marxists" were painted on his sheets.

Both, however, are still alive. Of the hundreds of political, human rights and community activists, as well as their friends and relations, who have been victims of the "unknowns" since 1983, many are dead or badly injured, killed by gunshots from passing cars or held and tortured.

In a new Amnesty International briefing *The Clandestine and Illegal Practices of the Security Forces in Chile*, published today, there is a disturbing echo of the period after the coup of 1973, when prisoners were held in secret torture centres and hundreds "disappeared".

These abductions, by groups known to include members of the security forces acting under cover, are just one part of a new strategy of terror, which has been intensifying since 1983 in the face of increasing

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE
Chile

public protest against government policies.

The scale of the abuses practised by the official security forces, whose powers have been extended, has risen equally sharply.

In May 15,000 people in 30 *poblaciones* were rounded up, their homes ransacked and belongings smashed.

During last year alone, 784 people were arrested on political grounds. And there appears to be marked unwillingness on the part of the court to prosecute.

Though Chilean law prohibits the use of torture, the report shows that it is being used by the security forces, not in isolated cases but as a deliberate and carefully devised practice, with doctors present and using specially designed torture equipment.

Since 1981, 10 people are known to have died as a result of torture. One of these was Juan Aguirre Ballesteros, who went missing after being detained by uniformed police in September 1984. Despite a public outcry, the police denied he was being held. After 55 days, his headless and mutilated body was found in a river near by. A young man detained with him has testified to his torture and death.

Until now, not a single member of the security forces has been convicted of torture or the killing of a political prisoner.

The Clandestine and Illegal Practices of the Security Forces in Chile (Amnesty International, 5 Roberts Place, London EC1R 0EJ, £1.50).



Marcela Pradenas Toro and Alejandro Herrera: victims of clandestine forces who have survived repeated attacks.

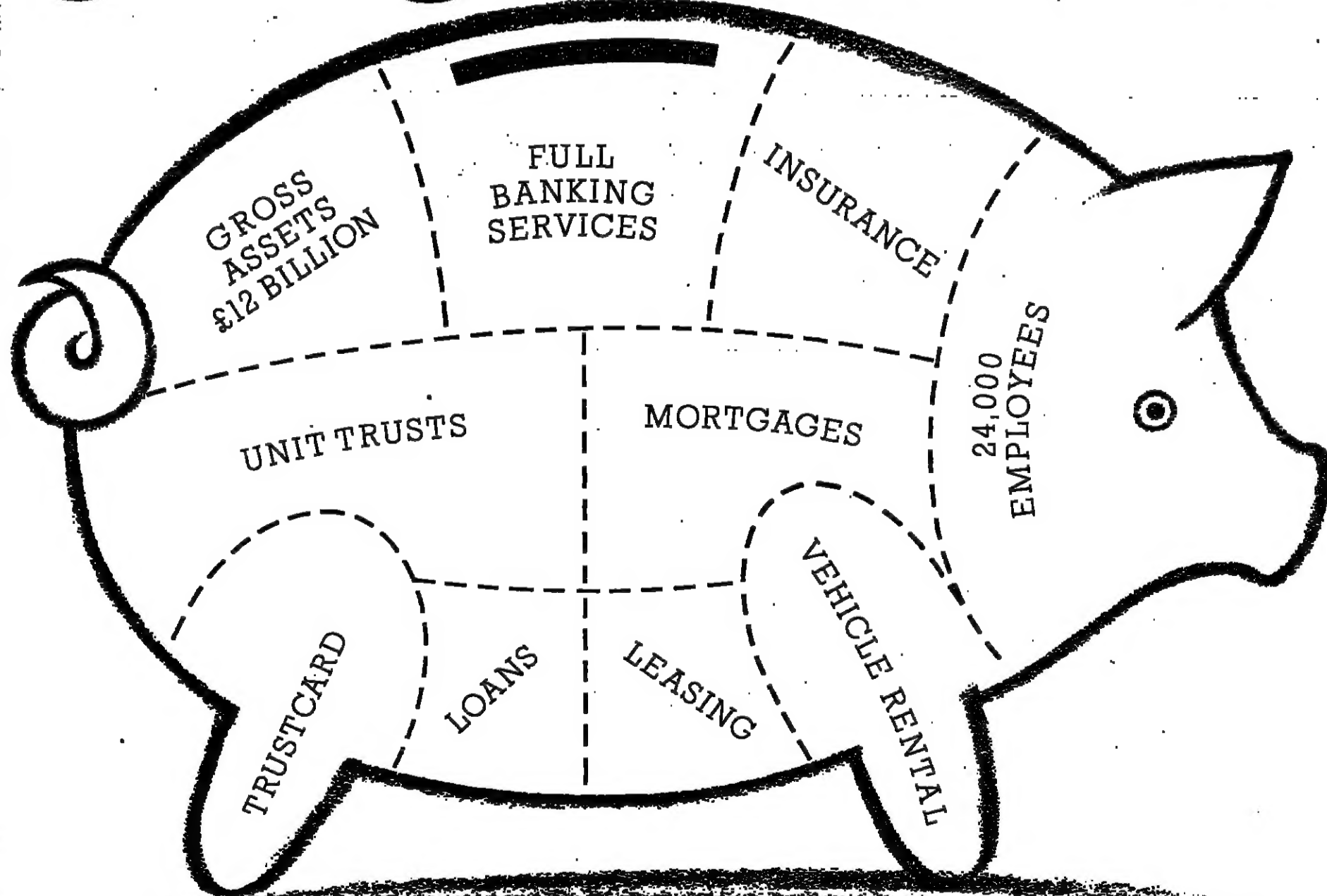
Date fixed for Bhutto appeal

Karachi — Judges of the Sind High Court said yesterday that a petition filed by Pakistan's opposition leader, Miss Benazir Bhutto, challenging her detention under the maintenance of public order ordinance will be heard next Tuesday (A Correspondent writes).

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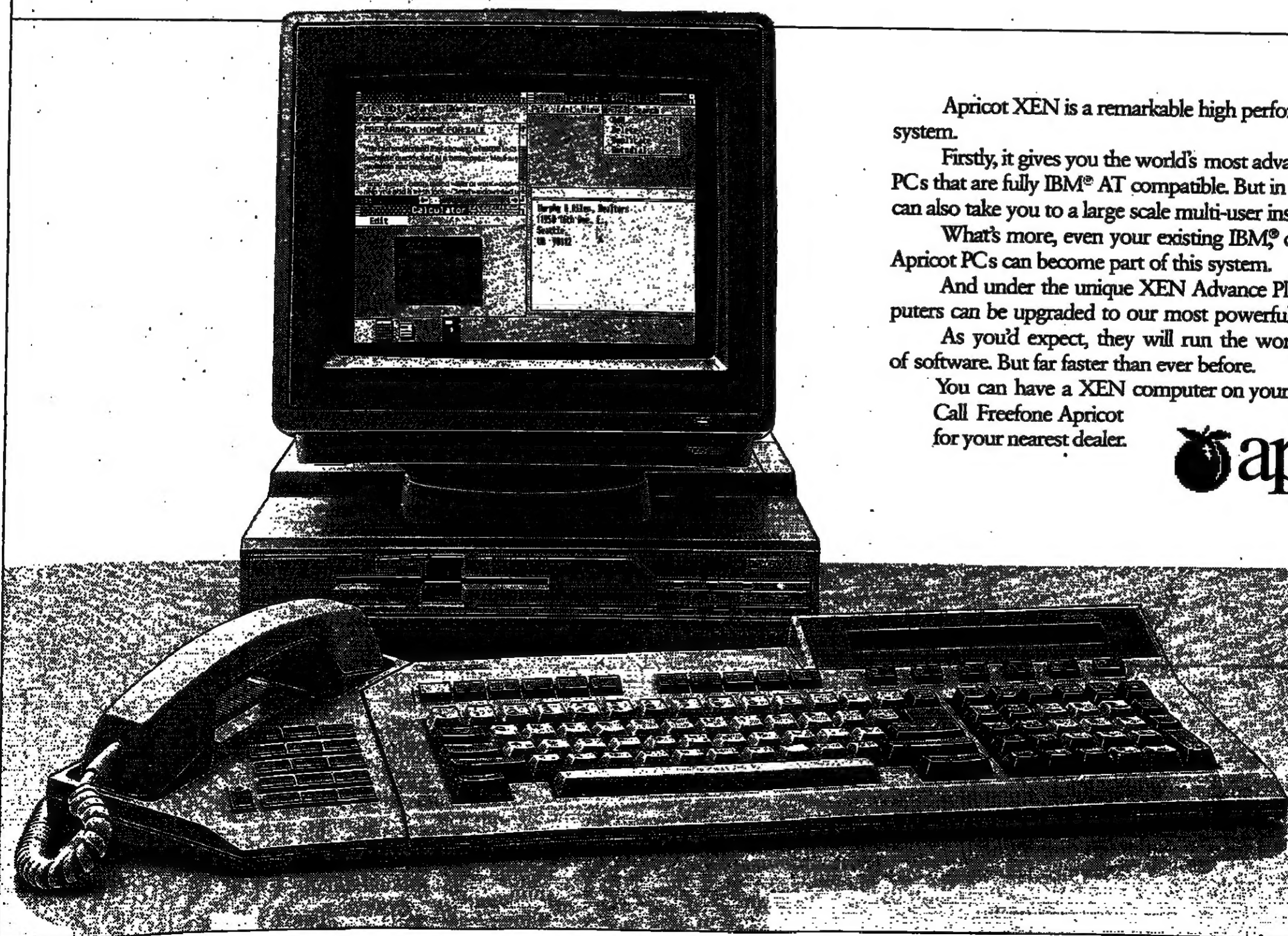
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Four million: the truant constituents

● Young people can be stimulating and full of surprises. Certainly the Times/MORI survey of attitudes and opinions among 18 to 25-year-olds, which we conclude today, supports that conclusion. The 6.2 million people who have reached voting age since Mrs Thatcher came to power in 1979 constitute a fascinating generation, not least because it was largely spawned by products of the Sixties, that generation socially transformed by everything from the birth pill to Indian mystics via mini-cars, mini-skirts and mega-amplification.

● Whether the times have changed the people or the people have changed the times, something has certainly changed. In parallel with the poll, discussion groups met in three Tory marginals — Bath, Nottingham North and the Leeds suburb of Elmet. All

would be lost if the electoral tide, of which the 18-to-25s represent a potentially significant 15 per cent, was to turn against Mrs Thatcher. The words and the figures combine to demonstrate a deep-rooted cynicism amounting to political apathy.

● Young people care about many issues, but they neither blame the politicians nor think them very likely to find solutions. They are not rebels in the conventional mode. Their words suggest that they care a lot about law and order, but very little about the environment. Asked about the professions they respect, they give policemen a score more than twice as high as the totals for social workers, union leaders and journalists added together. What, then, has produced this apathetic, seemingly conservative generation?

Although political apathy is widespread among the new generation of voters, with only 34 per cent saying they are certain to vote at the next election, there are plenty of issues they do care about. But the MORI poll does contain still more evidence about the apathy which is their most characteristic political attitude. That 34 per cent should be set against the levels of more than 80 per cent of the over 55s, for example, who have expressed definite voting intention in other polls. It would be likely to rise were an election imminent, but there is an immediate qualification to be made on how far.



THATCHER'S CHILDREN

Part 3
The roots of apathy

More than a quarter of those polled insist that they will not be voting at all. This political apathy is surely something more than a listless unconcern for the issues of the day: rather a positive opting-out of the whole political process.

"Thatcher's children", just like the rest of the electorate, care about a lot of issues, often very deeply. In the table published on Monday they listed unemployment as their central concern (54 per cent), but education (26), health care (20), the twin issues of nuclear disarmament and defence (15 and 14 respectively) and law and order (13) also figure strongly. The discussion groups provided illuminating glimpses into the thinking behind each concern.

On education: Thatcher's children want more discipline in schools, not less. This may come as a surprise to educationalists; it certainly will to those who grew up in the 1960s, when the tide of school liberalization was in full flood. Over and over again, these young people spoke with contempt of the slack school regimes of which they readily admitted, they had taken advantage.

Michael Hulton, an 18-year-old apprentice printer from Bulwell, Nottingham: "I wanted discipline. I could have done with it earlier. I wanted somebody to guide me. I wanted somebody to say, 'That's wrong, don't do that.' (At school) you could go

up and smack somebody and get away with it, they (the teachers) don't bother."

This feeling was often mingled with regret at not having worked harder. In the poll, the percentage rating the education they had received as "very good" was 14; this had dropped from a figure of 22 which MORI recorded in a similar poll in 1979.

On nuclear disarmament and defence: the discussions closely reflected the poll findings, that those greatly fearing all things nuclear seemed to be fairly evenly matched by those who have a simplistic but strongly held view — it stands in reason, as it were — that you should not abandon your defences.

On law and order: many young women felt less safe, and numerous young people of both sexes wanted to bring back hanging.

Other issues excited less concern. Drugs (nine per cent thought it most important) were mentioned seldom. Some issues were complete non-starters. The Labour Party with its new programme to capture the "green vote" will be disappointed to learn that only three per cent thought conservation of the countryside one of the most important, and in the discussion groups it was never mentioned. And the Tories might note that with these young people union-bashing is

a waste of time. They do not remember the Winter of Discontent and the issue of union power was never raised.

But any politician scanning this list and wondering which are the great vote-winners with "Thatcher's children" ought to take pause for thought: it would seem that none of them is. What was missing in the discussion groups was the automatic mental connection between these concerns and the possibility of doing something about them politically.

The most startling example concerns unemployment, the issue we revealed on Monday as being young voters' overriding worry. Over a five-year period in which it has risen by 40 per cent, the degree of blame placed on the government has halved among the young unemployed themselves.

Only 21 per cent of the young unemployed in the poll blame the government for their situation, the same figure as for all respondents. Yet in August 1981, when unemployment stood at 2,322,000, MORI found in a survey for Granada Television that the figure was 40 per cent.

What accounts for political apathy of this order among a whole generation? MORI asked those who said they would not be voting to list their reasons. "Don't understand politics" rated 25 per cent; "not interested in politics" rated 26; but top of the list was the category combining "No faith in any party/They're as bad as each other/They don't keep promises", which were cited by 34 per cent. Cynicism, then, rather than ignorance or lack of interest, was the dominant reason.

Answers to other poll questions reflected this. Forty-four per cent thought that politicians were not sincere against 34 per cent who thought they were; more than half agreed that "most politicians don't really care what people like me really think" as against less than a third who disagreed; and nearly two-thirds agreed that "people like



'I wanted discipline. At school you could smack somebody and get away with it, the teachers don't bother'

Michael Hulton



'I don't think there is anything that can make Britain better. I'm not voting. Let them get on with it'

Tracy Lee Dye

me are powerless to change things in this country".

Asked which two or three of a dozen groups of people they had most respect for, only three per cent cited MPs, a contempt rating exceeded only by that awarded to journalists (2 per cent). MORI's field workers recorded verbatim comments from those who said they would not vote, and these are typical: "I don't see the point

of it. They all say things they don't mean". "They're all mouth and trousers. Basically all of them keep saying they will do things and none of them ever do."

In a discussion group, unemployed Mark Smith, aged 19, from Kippax near Leeds, said: "I don't watch *Question Time* with Robin Day or anything, but the odd times I have turned the TV on to watch a film. I've caught the

last bit of it, and there's always... they're always seeming to try to get round the people in the audience, to win them over, but they always seem to sound as though they don't mean it."

All politicians? Representing all parties? "I should think so, yeah, I mean, they all want to win over the voters. Conservative, Labour, SDP... when they're on TV or in Garforth main street or

in Leeds city centre or anything doing a talk, they just seem to be winning over the voters rather than trying to tell you 'We want to change unemployment, we want to get better jobs, we want to get better education'."

At least Mark is going to vote (although he is undecided as to which way). A real, definite non-voter is 21-year-old hairdresser Tracy Lee Dye, from Bulwell, Nottingham. She said: "I don't think there is anything that can be done that could make Britain better. I'm not voting. Let them get on with it."

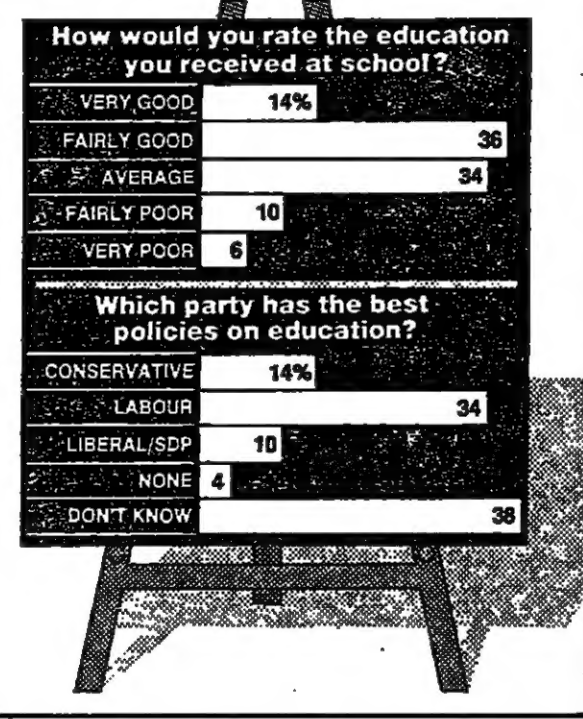
The political leader who can find the key to banishing this cynicism has a rich prize awaiting. The MORI poll indicates that of the 6.2 million young voters, about 1.1 million are committed to Labour, half a million to the Tories and about 400,000 to the Alliance. The cynical and sceptical remainder thus number more than four million: 10 per cent of the electorate up for grabs.

A dozen years ago on the London stage, a short play by an American playwright, Robert Patrick, had a profound effect on anyone who saw it; its title was *Kennedy's Children*. It portrayed five characters looking back on the Sixties and the sentiment that, at first, animated them all: idealism. It was a poignant testament to the New Frontier generation inspired by Kennedy in the United States.

They were not enervated by mass unemployment; they were not politically apathetic. There was no cynicism in that generation because Kennedy's children had found something and somebody they could believe in.

Hostile to the Prime Minister's dominant personality but awed by her, warm towards Neil Kinnock but not impressed by him, contemptuously disregarding both Alliance leaders, most of Thatcher's children are still waiting.

Michael McCarthy



Which two or three of the following groups do you have the most respect for?

	%
Doctors	76
Police	51
Teachers	30
Social workers	19
Scientists	17
Company directors	10
Civil servants	6
Trade union leaders	6
Members of Parliament	3
Journalists	2
None	3
Don't know	1

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Agree strongly	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Disagree strongly	Don't know
The young are too pampered and have things too easy	10	20	9	25	33	3
People like me are powerless to change things in Britain	29	32	8	22	8	2
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Superman comes down to earth

The legendary Man of Steel now works out in a gym and meditates in Tibet as the comic-strip hero flies into the 1980s

A LEGEND is being reborn deep in suburban Connecticut, an hour's train ride from New York. Superman, the Man of Steel, is undergoing a transformation, known in the comic-book trade as a "fix", to bring the first of the superheroes into the 1980s.

Superman will still be faster than a speeding bullet and more powerful than a train, but in his new earthly incarnation he will be a self-confident, body-conscious, feature writer, who works out in a gym and writes sociological science fiction in his spare time. He will still be called Clark Kent, still work for the *Daily Planet*, but he will be worlds away from the humble, bespectacled reporter created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster in 1938.

Chief perpetrator of this assault on the character who gave birth to the comic-book industry is John Byrne, a bulky, bristle-haired cartoonist whose previous charges have included *X-Men* and *The Fantastic Four*. Putting in a strict eight-hour day at his 17-room Victorian mansion, he has produced the first of the new adventures, to be launched in the autumn.

Byrne, who was born in West Bromwich and received his first introduction to Super-



Steel men: John Byrne with Superman old and new

man as an eight-year-old kid, he is conscious of treading on hallowed ground, but he agreed with DC Comics, who felt the time was right for change. "The Superman movies were like a multi-million dollar advert, but people weren't finding what they wanted in the comics," says Byrne, aged 35. "We needed to get back to the basic elements of the legend."

That meant the end for Supergirl, Superboy, Superdog and all the other Kryptonian hangers-on, plus the version of Superman who had married fellow reporter Lois Lane. In a major "house-cleaning" of DC Comics titles, published as the 12-part *Crisis on Infinite Earths*, the couple were sent to another dimension to live happily ever after.

THE FEARLESS defender of liberty, Superman is the ultimate all-American hero. When rumours of change became public, the outrage was predictable, with Byrne accused variously of plotting to turn him into a Republican, a Rambo figure and a Briarcliff Yuppie, all of which he denies. "Out there I have this image as a mad-eyed butcher, but I can't even breathe with-

out being watched over by 16 people."

Byrne, who trained at Alberta College of Art in Canada and graduated to comic strips from commercial signwriting, has spent most of his career with the rival Marvel Comics, where he was made well aware of audience's expectations.

"Hard-core comic readers approach the circumstances as if they were real, but if something happens that they don't like, they know whom to blame. When we killed off characters, we received lots of sympathy poems. A friend of mine even received death threats, but a character like Superman doesn't generate that kind of psychosis."

The basic elements of the Superman legend, Byrne-style, remain the same. Clark Kent is scared in Smallville by Jonathan and Martha Kent, having been shipped off from the exploding Krypton by his real parents. Krypton is vintage comic book fantasy, but Metropolis, the world of the adult Clark Kent, has identifiable versions of the Empire State Building in its skyline.

Superman is super only if he operates in a world we can

recognize", says Byrne. His Lois Lane, with big eyes and square jaws, is based partly on movie star Rosalind Russell, partly on his actress wife Andrea: "All my women characters look like my wife. I was drawing that face, then I met that face, so I married it."

BYRNE PROVIDES his Superman with a Nautilus machine, as a convenient cover for his other-worldly physique, and a mountain top in Tibet for meditation. He also gives him a strong streak of anti-commercialism, perhaps an envious swipe at the success of the Superman movies, which have done much more for box-office figures than for the comic strip.

Byrne is confident, however, that he has the magic elixir for his hero, who remains forever on the right side of 30.Mean-

Sally Dugan

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Council for the defence?

The 47 Liverpool councillors still determined to take their case against disqualification to the highest court in the land have a new solicitor. He is Keva Coombes, former leader of Merseyside County Council, abolished last April. Having thus been left in political limbo, he last month won a seat on Liverpool Council. As an opponent of Militant, Coombes is put in a piquant position by his new brief. Furthermore, one of the threatened councillors he will be representing, John Linden, was formerly his partner in a Liverpool law firm, Linden, Coombes & Co. Last month Coombes left it to work as consultant at another firm. If his (and barrister Louis Blom-Cooper's) case fails and the 47 lose their Liverpool Council seats, Coombes would appear to be a natural choice to lead the decimated council. Coombes says he would not dream of seeking preferment in the Labour group at a time he is trying to succeed Robert Kilroy-Silk as MP for Knowsley North.

Brookside

Labour officials inquiring into the Liverpool party flew to Scotland to interview Irene Buxton, a former Militant member and one-time close friend of Derek Hatton. Michael Crick's new book *The March of Militant* this week reveals what they discovered but two miles from her new home: a village called Hattinbrook. There's no escaping the man.

Peacock thrown

Who says the SDP is a one-man party? Browsing through the agenda for the SDP assembly, I happen upon the conclusion reached by its parliamentary committee on the Peacock report. It rejects Peacock's notion of competitive tendering for ITV franchises "on the grounds that this would handicap the IBA in evaluating competing packages and blunt the readiness of the companies to undertake risky, prestige projects". Funny. Conceding that the IBA should check the fitness of ITV franchise bidders, David Owen told the audience of the *What the Papers Say* awards in February: "Once that has been done the actual franchises surely should be awarded to the highest bidder."

Party man

Simon Lewis, who has just been appointed the SDP's head of communications, has a foot in many a camp. While his current boss at the Shandwick public relations group is John Gummer's brother Peter, Lewis's wife Claire is the niece of Labour MP Tom Pendry. Meanwhile, the precocious 27-year-old Oxford PPE graduate tells me his former boss at Good Relations, another emotive PR outfit, is Paul Tyler — now chairman of the Liberal Party.

● "Are you more talkative than your husband?" said a notice advertising a Surrey women's club talk. Someone added: "Yes, but he has more to keep quiet about."

Join the club

Be careful if you are planning to attend next month's Carlton Club seminar. "The Pharmaceutical Industry and Government — Developing Relationships". A ticket application form issued by the Tory club boasts: "The audience will comprise members of the club, members of the Conservative medical committee, members of parliament, doctors and pharmacists."

Ship to shore

With the shadows of American warships gathering in the Gulf of Sirte, as our own leader writer put it last week, a timely reminder of the limits of power comes from *Profile*, the ITT magazine. It tells of an American admiral who, spotting a blip on the radar screen, ordered his radio operator: "Tell that ship to change course 15 degrees." The word came back: "You change your course 15 degrees." When a more heavily phrased message met the same response, he snatched the microphone and bawled: "You change your course 15 degrees. I'm an admiral of the US Navy!" A calm voice replied: "And I'm a lighthouse."

Whey ahead

Almost anything can be turned into a board game. Waddingtons is about to bring out one called *Elite Cow*. Each player starts with a hypothetical herd of six cows and advances his prosperity by increasing milk yields. If he lands on the right square, he has the benefit of advice from the Milk Marketing Board and the Midland Bank, but if the dice fall unluckily his animals get mastitis and other diseases. Milk-curdling fun.

Higher calling

The Queen, who climbed the 152 steps of a Scottish lighthouse last month, has now been asked to climb Britain's most easterly lighthouse, at Lowestoft. A local woman who sent a postcard of the 12th tower has received a reply from Balmoral: "Her Majesty has added Lowestoft to her list of lighthouses to climb."

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My army against imperialism

by Colonel Gadaffi

America is determined to regain the Libyan coast. Then it will try to defeat Syria, so that its military control will be from Turkey to the Strait of Gibraltar. Why? Because of Libya? No, because of the Soviet Union. Indeed, if America triumphed over Libya and triumphed over Syria and Algeria, the Soviet Union's position would be in danger — the Warsaw Treaty would be in danger. The Mediterranean would become an American lake.

This is one of the reasons for our joint struggle with the Soviet Union, because the fall of Libya would lead to the siege of the Soviet Union, and defending Libya would lead to the defeat of the Soviet Union's enemy, which is America.

The Soviet Union has a gigantic force equal to the force of America. Gorbachov has intercontinental missiles: he has atomic submarines. He has hundreds of warships. He has half the globe. He can use the stars. But look at him — Gorbachov on every occasion presents a proposal for safeguarding world peace. Gorbachov has mighty weapons similar to those of America. Therefore the difference lies in the two minds — between the two men. One of them is mad and the other has a sound mind. One of them is worthy of his post as president of a superpower while the

other is not and should remain a second-class actor in Hollywood.

The Americans claim they have discovered that Libya is planning terrorist operations. We challenge him to show the evidence proving that a terrorist operation is planned by Libya. Is there a hostile party which tells Reagan that this is a Libyan plan and he believes it? The fact is, we see that the Americans are naive and believe false reports, because the information they had following the air raid said that Gaddafi had lost his authority. They said that a military collective leadership has been set up in Libya. What military leadership? We had a military leadership after the revolution. We dissolved ourselves and the Jamahiriyah was established.

No people can live constantly under the threat of aircraft carriers and the threat of another state every morning and every evening. This is a state of fear which Reagan is imposing on a small nation. I want to say to him, "If you continue your tyranny, insolence, madness and foolishness, against the international community and world peace, then I, Muammar al-Gadafi, want to state that I can form an international

army consisting of fighters against imperialism and against the USA personally. I can form an army outside Libya, and this army will spread to all corners of the globe to destroy the American presence everywhere.

I am still at the stage of leading the revolution on Libyan and Arab territory. I check America's military campaigns over our territory and will resist bravely and we will stand our ground. We will make the Americans suffer affliction. We will feed them to the fish in the Mediterranean if they reach our territory. I would like to say that Libya has the military capability and the human capability. As from next month we will begin collecting the cost of one million rifles in order to arm one million people and deploy them along the Mediterranean coast.

If America is a superpower, we have friends who are also a superpower. The Soviet Union with all its capabilities has stood by the Libyan people. The Soviet Union has realized now that its peace initiatives are being disregarded by imperialism, and has realized that the imperialists should be confronted with force.

Extracted from a speech delivered in Tripoli this week and broadcast by Tripoli radio. Translation from Arabic by the BBC Monitoring Service.

Steven Greer and Antony White challenge the Diplock court rationale

Time to revive trial by jury in Ulster



Article 8 of the agreement signed by the British and Irish prime ministers last November states that both governments recognize "the importance of public confidence in the administration of justice" in Northern Ireland, and that the Intergovernmental Conference then established will consider "with the help of advice from experts... measures which would give substantial expression to this aim".

In January, in one of the twice-yearly debates on Northern Ireland's emergency laws, the Commons accepted a government proposal that jury trial be restored for a number of offences hitherto tried by the juryless Diplock courts. The Irish government was quick to express dissatisfaction when news of this reform was leaked to the press a week earlier. It is not difficult to see why.

The Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 prescribes trial by a court without a jury for a list of offences contained in a "schedule" (appendix), whether or not they were committed for political motives. The Attorney-General is empowered to remove from the Diplock system specific cases involving some of the scheduled offences, but this power is invariably exercised only where there is clearly no political dimension: for example, in domestic murders.

The January amendment merely extends this discretion to include kidnapping, false imprisonment, certain firearms offences and all scheduled offences that are triable summarily or carry a maximum sentence of less than five years. Therefore all scheduled offences committed for political reasons will still be tried by judge alone.

Tinkering with the emergency laws in this way, as the Dublin government recognizes, is unlikely to do much to enhance public confidence in Northern Ireland's tarnished criminal justice system. It is difficult to maintain that those for whom the Diplock courts were designed get a fair trial, yet ordinary criminals who end up there owing to the quirks of the scheduling system do not.

What is required is a full restoration of jury trial to all indictable offences, whether carried out by paramilitary organizations or not. Our study on the question demonstrates that this is entirely practicable — and that the justifications for suspending jury trial in the first place in 1973 were never satisfactorily established.

In 1973 the Diplock Commission considered "whether changes should be made in the administration of justice in order to deal more effectively with terrorists without using internment". It concluded that jury trial was "not practicable in the case of terrorist crimes in Northern Ireland" because of the risk that jurors would be intimidated and that Loyalist defendants would be perverted by what were then dominantly Protestant juries.

Although neither the Diplock

Report nor the subsequent parliamentary debates offered any concrete evidence that these were in fact serious problems, this twin justification for the non-jury courts has been elevated to the status of self-evident truth.

Independent analyses have tended to confirm that some Loyalist defendants were perverted by juries in the 1969-73 period but the evidence for juror intimidation has never amounted to anything more than sketchy anecdotes.

In 1974 Parliament passed the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order abolishing the property qualification for jury service, the main cause of Protestant bias in cases arising from civil disturbances. Since then the lists of jurors for civil cases, coroners' inquests and trials of non-scheduled indictable offences have been randomly selected from the electoral register. Despite the fact that for over 10 years this has undermined one of the two pillars supporting the legitimacy of the Diplock courts, Parliament has never seriously considered the implications.

It would be foolish to assert that there was no intimidation of jurors by paramilitary organizations in the early 1970s but our research clearly shows that it has never been proved that this was

and is likely to remain such a serious problem that the suspension of jury trial, rather than some other less radical alternative, was and is required.

At least one witness in a terrorist trial was murdered in Northern Ireland in the 1970s to prevent him from testifying, and between January 1, 1972, and August 31, 1974, there were 482 recorded instances of witnesses refusing to give evidence in such cases out of fear. Prohibiting the participation of civilian witnesses in Diplock trials has, however, never been entertained by the authorities.

In stark contrast, jury trial was suspended for scheduled offences with no comparable evidence of juror intimidation whatsoever. This tends to suggest that the authorities are prepared to tolerate the exposure of witnesses to risk because they help in securing convictions, while juries are considered dispensable because they make no contribution to this end, but on the contrary are more prepared to acquit than judges.

The allegation concerning the intimidation of jurors appears then to be a convenient rationalization of the real point of the non-jury Diplock courts: increasing convictions by reducing traditional safeguards.

The jury system ought instead to have been reformed in 1973 in accordance with three fundamental principles: eligibility for jury service should have been democratized (as was achieved for those parts of the jury system left intact); the random element in the selection of jurors should have been increased; and the identity of jurors should, as far as possible, have been concealed.

Our study makes a number of recommendations to facilitate the realization of the last two of these principles. We can see no reason why these modifications should not have been introduced in 1973 or why they cannot be implemented now. We propose that:

- Scheduled offences should continue to be tried in Belfast, but separate jury panels should be compiled and used for these cases from the electoral register.
- Only a very few court officials should be granted access to these names and addresses.
- Neither defence nor prosecution lawyers should be allowed to inspect these lists.
- A jury panel room should be provided, from which members of the public would be excluded; the summoning of these jurors to particular courts should be by number only and the jury box and all other parts of the courtroom between it and the panel room should be hidden from view.
- A minibus should be provided to take those jurors who wish it into the centre of Belfast and deposit them within the security perimeter at a spot randomly selected for each trip by a court official other than the driver.

We would also recommend that a "contingent jury trial system" be introduced. All scheduled offences trials should begin before a judge and jury; but if either the prosecution or the defence can prove that a juror or potential juror has been intimidated, the trial should begin again before a different judge and jury. If intimidation recurs, the trial should then automatically be conducted by a judge alone.

It is also necessary, we believe, to give defence and prosecution the same opportunities to influence the composition of the jury. The prosecution's present unlimited right to "stand by" jurors (have them go to the end of the queue) should be replaced by three "peremptory challenges" per defendant (those for which cause does not have to be shown). The defence should have its current allocation of 12 peremptory challenges reduced to three.

These, or something very like them, are the necessary first steps on the long journey towards establishing a democratic and widely respected criminal justice system in Northern Ireland.

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Kola: the reason Nato looks north

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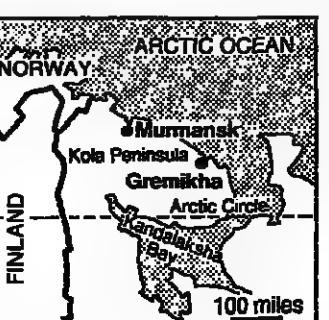
The present Nato exercise in Norway, codenamed Northern Wedding, is only the latest in a series of 10 in Nato's northern region, involving 35,000 servicemen from 10 countries. What is it that preoccupies Nato generals with the so-called Northern Flank, this remote, difficult and dangerous part of the world? What leads Allied Northern Command to declare that the northern region will be "the most active area within the alliance this year"?

The Norwegian Foreign Policy Institute, an obscure Oslo think-tank, may have a large part of the answer. Last month it published a startling analysis of the Russian military build-up in the Kola peninsula on the edge of the Arctic Ocean. Satellite photographs showed, among other things, a nearly completed, previously unreported, airfield by the Bay of Kandalaksha, capable of accommodating long-range bombers, and details of a naval base at Grenimka, east of Murmansk, apparently designed for the new Typhoon-class submarine, the world's largest, thought to be capable of firing nuclear missiles from beneath the sea.

Finely detailed Landsat pictures indicated that part of the base was dug into solid rock and protected by missiles, a significant development in a region that is already home port to the Soviet northern fleet of almost 300 warships and submarines. The installations on Kola, mostly in and around the Murmansk fjord, account for about 50 per cent of the Soviet submarine force, including those carrying ballistic missiles. Two motorized infantry divisions are based on the peninsula, where the number of large airfields has been estimated at about 20.

As the authors note, much of this information — although not the "remarkable detail" provided by many of the photographs — is more or less freely available; but the very remoteness of Kola "has tended to shield it from daily news coverage. None the less it is of vital military strategic importance for the Soviet Union and has led to the establishment on the peninsula of the largest military base in the world."

— This includes two main strategic nuclear submarine bases, two strategic nuclear bomber bases, two strategic early-warning and



plexes, about 70 strategic air defence SAM complexes, one theatre-nuclear missile launch complex, seven main submarine bases, nine major bases for surface forces, 22 main airbases with hardened aircraft shelters and runways exceeding 1,600 metres, 18 secondary airfields, the pre-positioning and deployment infrastructure for one front-level army and very many further installations. In other words, if World War III broke out, it is quite possible the Soviet Union would largely fight it from Kola.

Johan Jørgen Holst, the Norwegian defence minister, called this week for a measured response to the Kola report, which has caused

giant press. He said the contents of the document were already well known to the Norwegian government, and accused those who had drawn the most "extreme and alarming conclusions" of lacking "sobriety and responsibility".

Some British analysts have assessed the developments on Kola as evidence of a Russian attempt to strengthen its long-range bombers in compensation for America's proposed Star Wars missile defences. The authors of the report, however, note that construction of the air base began long before President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative was announced in 1982.

They see "a rough military equilibrium in the Nordic area on the tactical level" at the moment, but fear that continuing military development on Kola and the American response to it will increase local tension. "With an increasing superpower focus upon this area the Nordic states and their populations will have to learn to live with and manage a precarious situation which is far more unstable and tense than what they have become accustomed to."

Tony Samstag

Adam Roberts

A 'spy' made to measure

Nicholas Daniloff, the American journalist detained in Moscow since last Saturday, is not a spy — and I believe that the Soviet security services know it. His arrest, within minutes of receiving an envelope containing incriminating military documents, was a put-up job of almost outrageous transparency.

I must begin by declaring an interest. Daniloff's English wife, Ruth, is my wife's sister. I have known Nick and Ruth for over 20 years, and have seen them and their two children several times this year. Nick and I share many interests, from international relations to marathon running.

Last April, after attending an Anglo-Soviet conference in Leningrad on arms control, I visited the Daniloffs in Moscow. I was greatly impressed, as others have been, by Nick's fluent Russian, his knowledge of the country, and his ability to get on with a wide range of Soviet citizens, including officials.

It so happens that I asked him one day whether he was afraid of being set up in the way that has now happened. He said indeed he was. Documents had once been planted on him: he got rid of them immediately. There had been one or two other episodes that had made him nervous.

Since his arrest, there have been reports of another and apparently quite separate attempt to frame him. In April 1984, a friend of his, a geneticist called David Goldfarb, was reportedly asked by the KGB to pass incriminating documents to Daniloff with the suggestion that he smuggle them out. Goldfarb was offered permission to emigrate if he carried out this task. He refused.

Is there any sign in all this that the Soviet authorities harboured serious suspicions that Daniloff was a spy? I cannot see any. They do not appear to have made any attempt to check if he was sending out incriminating material. When I left Moscow last April I drove to the airport in his car. He saw me off in a practically empty departure hall in the presence of some Soviet officials, to whom I introduced him. None of my baggage was so much as looked at.

More recently the same story has been repeated. Last Wednesday evening my 16-year-old daughter Hannah, after staying with the Daniloffs for a week in Moscow, was put on a train for Warsaw by Nick. When the train reached the Polish border at Brest the following morning, the Soviet customs gave her luggage only the most perfunctory examination. She joined me in Warsaw, where I had been lecturing. On Sunday, in blissful ignorance of Nick's arrest the previous day, we travelled through East Germany with only the minimum passport check.

Last Friday, one day before Nick's arrest, his 23-year-old

daughter Miranda flew out of Moscow to Paris. Again, no search. Up to yesterday afternoon there had been no search of Nick's Moscow flat and office.

In public life, mud that is flung often sticks: accusations of espionage, however baseless, leave a nagging doubt in people's minds. But in this case the accusation is so bizarre that it cannot carry any credibility. It clearly cuts no ice with the Moscow press corps, which is making a protest. One wonders if it cuts much ice with the Soviet authorities themselves.

It is interesting, though not necessarily productive, to speculate about their motives. There seem to be four main theories:

- That his arrest is in retaliation for the arrest in New York a few days earlier of Genadi Zakharov, a scientific affairs officer attached to the United Nations. Nick himself inclines to this view.
- That the affair is in some way connected with the proposed Reagan-Gorbachov summit, and possibly indicates a Soviet desire to scupper a meeting which they see as unlikely to be productive.
- That the Soviet authorities wish to interrogate him about all his contacts before he finally leaves the Soviet Union this month.
- That the whole business is intended as a warning to other journalists in Moscow that they should avoid unofficial contacts — and to Soviet citizens that they should avoid Western journalists.

There may be something to this last theory. Nick, who has partly Russian ancestry, worked in Moscow for United Press International from 1961 to 1966, and has been working there for US News and World Report since 1980. He wrote an impressive history of the Soviet space programme, *The Kremlin and the Cosmos*.

He has been planning to spend a year in the US writing a book about his ancestor, Alexander Frolov, who spent 30 years in Siberia for his part in the 1925 Decembrist plot to overthrow the Tsar. In short, he knows the Soviet Union and its history better than most.

One of the many ironies of this case is that he is an extremely careful and objective reporter. He does not have a record of chasing after every anti-Soviet story. Five or six years ago, when there was endless Western press speculation about a possible Soviet invasion of Poland, he refused to join in this chorus. He has consistently recognized that the Soviet Union, a great power with a tragic history, has legitimate security concerns. A patently trumped-up arrest will hardly help the world understand the legitimacy of those concerns.

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moreover... Miles Kingston

Going for gold, gold, gold

In case any of you missed television coverage of the European Athletic Championships, I have been given gracious permission to bring you the best of the recent output. So hold on to your seats, if you get excited easily.

Title sequence showing Steve Cram, then Seb Coe, then Daley Thompson. Then Seb Coe again, then Steve Cram, then back to Daley Thompson. Disco music ebbs and flows. We see a man in a studio, grinning.

Man in studio: It's been another day of action at Stuttgart, and we'll come to that in a moment, but for all of us undoubtedly the high spot has been the triumph of Jack Morris in the 100 km walk, where he grabbed gold for Britain in a way that said to the rest of the world: watch out! To hear just how he did it, let's go straight over to Stuttgart.

The disco music revs up again, and we get another look at Daley Thompson. Then a face comes into view that we don't recognize, but some instinct tells us that this is Jack Morris. So does the caption. Commentator in Stuttgart: Britain's hero today was an amiable 34-year-old traffic warden from Chatham called Jack Morris, who proved all his critics wrong by taking the toughest event in the calendar by the scruff of its neck and never letting go. They said Jack was finished, they said he was over the hill. How wrong could they be! But to see just how he did it, let's go back to late last night, when the finalists in the 100 km walk set off.

More disco music, over a shot of two dozen walkers setting off into the night. Commentator: And there they go, the cream of Europe's walkers, on what must be the cruellest test of all. The world record for the 100 km walk is 10 hr 45 min, and the race won't finish until nearly lunchtime tomorrow, but already they are scuttling a cracking pace. Too fast, perhaps, Brian?

Brian: Well, hard to tell, after only half a minute, but they're certainly on a world record schedule. Of course they've got to keep this up for another 11 hours, and a lot could happen.

Commentator: What have they got to fear most? Brian: Tiredness, hunger, thirst and the temptation to pop into one of Stuttgart's many nightclubs.

A shot of Daley Thompson, to denote the passing of time. Commentator: And that was the situation at the start. By the time the finish came, the man who had climbed all the hills, answered all the questions and burnt off all the opposition was Jack Morris — and the Union Jack went mad!

Film of Morris entering the stadium and crossing the line. Commentator: And he's done it! The man they said was finished as a walker has done it! Let's see how he did it again!

We see it again. Then we see it again in slow motion.

Commentator: Through the loneliness of the night hours Jack Morris had the strength when it mattered most, the kind of grit that never gives up. After the race he talked to us.

Interviewer: Great race, Jack. How do you feel now? Jack: Tired. Very very tired. But absolutely delighted.

Interviewer: And so are we all, Jack. And as you probably haven't seen how it all ended, here's how you did it.

We see Jack finishing yet again, from a different angle.

Man in studio: Terrific, absolutely terrific. Wasn't that terrific? Expert in studio: I'd agree with that. Can we see it again? Man in studio: Why not?

We see it yet again, this time with disco music.

Man in studio: Well, a great day for Britain. But before we bring you the rest of the action, in which East Germany and Russia managed to get nine golds, here's rather a special moment. Film of Morris ascending podium to get his medal and wave to crowd. Somebody gives him a bunch of flowers, which he sniffs happily.

Commentator: Absolutely typical of Jack Morris, that little touch. And after the race Jack embarked on a well-deserved lap of honour. For about 10 minutes we watch Jack Morris's lap of honour, during which he seems to greet every British spectator personally.

Commentator: And can one blame him for a little harmless rejoicing? And now, if we have time for it, here is the rest of the action from Stuttgart. But first, one last look at that tremendous finish by Jack Morris...

The picture on the screen fades to a little white dot. Then that vanishes.



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MR KINNOCK SPELLS IT OUT

Not even the Labour leader's most hostile opponents have ever said that he is a poor platform speaker. And he is getting better all the time.

His courage — so often found wanting during the miners' strike — is growing too. Last year at Bournemouth Mr Kinnock finally found the words to assault his Militant Tendency. Yesterday he stared the trade union barons full in the face and told them that, if necessary, a Labour government could do without their help.

His vision spanned the generations. With all the passion of a good conservative, he told his audience that societies exist in time, that the present generation has obligations to the generation past and to generations to come — pensions and schools, in crude electoral currency. His theme was national unity, focussed in this speech on what he sees as the need to rebuild industry and reconstruct employment.

As always the Kinnock new deal was presented with little arithmetic, scant attention to the international dimension, and faint understanding of the wellspring of economic activity. There was, substantively, little new in his speech. There was nothing to boost the sceptics' confidence in his competence to govern the country. Yet as an exercise in revisionism, as a part of his campaign to fit his party for government, it ranks with his performance at the Labour conference last year.

Its point was the audience to which he was speaking. Yesterday Mr Kinnock showed his greatest mettle in forcing on the general secretaries the antagonism between national objectives as set out by an elected government and the organized self-interest of the unions. And — for yesterday at least — the general secretaries had little choice but to accept his words.

Interviewed afterwards, Mr Ron Todd of the Transport and General Workers as good as admitted that the Kinnock definition of the unions as sectional interests was correct. When it came to it, a Prime Minister (Labour or Conservative) could deal with the unions only as factions. The unions stand outside the circle of legitimacy in governing Britain. Twenty years on, the point of Harold Wilson's bid to redefine the relationship of a Labour government and the unions looks to have been almost realised.

What the practical consequence of yesterday's linguistic accommodations will be has yet to be worked out in the TUC-Labour Party liaison committee and other such forums. Mr Kinnock has, however, set out the heads of agreement. They demand great concessions from the unions. He emphasized investment, which can only take place at the expense of consumption, and wages. A new Kinnock word is efficiency, which surely means management's right to manage. Self-discipline was asked of the unions yesterday; a one-sided incomes policy?

In the light of previous failures of Statements of Intent and Social Contracts, perhaps formulae as vague as yesterday's are safer. How many times before have general secretaries emerged from a sea-side debate promising fealty only, months later, to lead their members in pursuit of rewards unjustified by output measures and (in the public sector) unaffordable?

But the most important implication of Mr Kinnock's speech goes beyond the sticking power of any one particular deal. It is that this Great Movement of Ours is reaching the end of its useful life. For individual trade unionists to belong to the Labour Party and to work within it for ideological objectives is legitimate. For them to equal trade unionism and some great emancipatory movement is dishonest. The political objectives of trade unionism grow more and more obscure.

Mr Kinnock, it seems, begins to see that, and what it means for the Labour Party in the country at large. The union general secretaries are reluctant to contemplate the marginal position in the nation's life which they occupy. Mr Todd spoke yesterday of individual unionists fighting for policies within the Labour Party — but would they forgo the block votes? The logic of Mr Kinnock's "national" Labour Party is, sooner rather than later, an end to their grip.

Perhaps this letter may serve to illuminate another of the many unnecessary impositions of our much admired hospital service and its new managers. Yours faithfully, H. J. SHAW, 106 Harley Street, W1, August 29.

A loss of time in hospital

From Mr Henry Shaw
Sir, I write as the senior surgeon in a well-known London cancer hospital where the patients and both medical and nursing staff have just had to endure another "statutory hospital holiday" — imposed by the DHSS some years ago on all health districts — added to the August bank holiday weekend.

This takes place twice annually and recently meant that all the administrative and paramedical staff disappeared from 5.30 pm on Friday, August 22 to 9.30 am on Wednesday, August 27, a total minimum of 112 hours, or the best part of five days' absence. Doctors and nurses are expected to carry on dealing with a full complement of seriously ill patients as usual, including all emergencies.

Effectively this means that laboratory reports are unobtainable, all laboratories and special investigations departments such as radiology, pathology and haematology are closed, although a member of staff remains "on call", often at a considerable distance. Furthermore, since secretarial staff are also absent communication for enquiries, appointments and liaison is seriously impaired.

Indeed Sir, this hospital, which prides itself on being a "caring institution", is, I believe, only one of many upon which and upon whose patients is inflicted this uncaring administrative disservice.

Perhaps this letter may serve to illuminate another of the many unnecessary impositions of our much admired hospital service and its new managers. Yours faithfully, H. J. SHAW, 106 Harley Street, W1, August 29.

Henry Moore

From Mr John Bratby, RA
Sir, I am not going to cry over or regret the passing of Henry Moore. In fact I'll celebrate his wonderful creative life and its just rewards — the Protestant ethic so unpopular today — and the fact that he achieved a fine longevity (88).

If he'd died at 50, when he'd not done all he had to do, I'd feel the fates were cruel, as they were to Aubrey Beardsley (25), Laura Ashley (60), Glen Gould (30), Leonard Rossiter (57), Richard Burton (58), John Gilpin (53), Eric Morecambe (58), Robert Shaw (51), David Mercer (52), Ken Fynan (53) and Sir John Methven (54).

Just be happy Moore lived a fully realized, fulfilled and applauded long span of nearly nine decades. No tears when Picasso died in his nineties either. Yours sincerely, JOHN BRATBY, The Cupola and Tower of the Winds, Belmont Road, Hastings, East Sussex, September 1.

Value of grammar

From Mrs P. E. Daly
Sir, Your correspondent, Mr J. M. Hawes, today (August 26) drew attention to the failure of English schools to teach grammar and thus to prepare their pupils for learning foreign languages. This point is carried further by my experience when confronted by a 15-year-old who cannot see what is obscure in a sentence used in an English essay: sometimes I can only explain it by using terms he has learned in French or German lessons (seldom now in Latin, alas).

It is so often easier to explain to one who has learned English as a foreign language. Recognition of subject and object, an infinitive, or a relative clause, let alone an adverb or preposition, can still be helpful and time-saving. Yours faithfully, P. E. DALY, Principal, Miss Dixon and Miss Wolfe (Tutors), 25 Victoria Street, Westminster, SW1, August 26.

Basic certificates

From Mrs D. A. Potts
Sir, In the bread shop today, I waited patiently while the sweet young thing serving me tried to calculate, on a scrap of paper, the cost of six croissants at 19p. I eventually had to show her how to do the sum.

The manageress looked at me reassuringly and said: "She's just got her O-level maths". Why don't we just issue basic literacy and numeracy certificates to school-leavers and devote the time and money saved to providing better and more interesting education for our young? Yours faithfully, DORIANE A. POTTS, 74 Staunton Road, Headington, Oxford, August 29.

Out of order?

From Mr Hardiman Scott
Sir, In reply to Paul Jennings's brilliantly funny "This is the age of the mains" (August 25), I can tell him what British Telecom are trying to do. They are trying to sell us — what they describe in their publicity — as "Inphones". What on earth is an inphone? I have got one. It looks to me exactly like a telephone. It behaves like one, too! HARDIMAN SCOTT, The Dry, 4 Butchers Lane, Boxford (Suffolk), Via Colchester, August 25.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moral issues and the Vatican

From the Bishop of Northampton
Sir, Father Kevin Kelly's article (August 30) underlines the need for effective dialogue within the Roman Catholic Church between those with episcopal authority and pastoral responsibility and many of its moral theologians. The tensions revealed are considerable and clashes are inevitable if others feel free to maintain publicly similar positions on so wide a range of moral issues.

Underlying issues of methodology and responsibility must be central to the dialogue. It is to be hoped that it may be conducted in a way that is pastorally helpful. I fear that Father Kelly's contribution is both tendentious and unhelpful.

First of all, his references to the "official" position are calculated to suggest a gap between the Pope and the Vatican on the one side and the rest of the episcopate on the other. This simply will not do, since no such division exists where these areas of moral teaching are concerned.

How this teaching is handled pastorally and applied compassionately may vary, but there is a large degree of unity about the fundamental moral values involved and the "official" position can make a justifiable claim to be universal. That does not mean that those who support it would recognise and accept Father Kelly's account of it. It is neither so closed as he suggests, nor so wanting in compassion.

Equally unacceptable is Father Kelly's arrogation of Vatican II's insights to his own point of view. Readers will need to verify in greater detail the "general approach" he cites from the Council documents. He risks a gross oversimplification.

It is also in danger of weakening the objective weight given to a person's actions in traditional moral considerations. Conscience does not have anything to fear from these considerations, nor is the person devalued by their being made. They may need to be broadened and extended, but they should not be minimized or marginalized. They were not abandoned by Vatican II.

Speed writing

From Mr Jack Adrian
Sir, Of course a 20,000-word story can be written in three days (Spectrum, August 29). George Teed, one of the best Sexton Blake writers of the 1920s and 1930s, was a demon typist who could produce regularly 2,000 words an hour, clean copy. And he didn't write junk, either. A 25,000-word Blake story took him two days; a 60,000-word Sexton Blake Library novel took him a week. In his prime Charles Hamilton (Frank Richards) was achieving two 22,000-word stories a week, for the Gem and the Magnet, plus a 10,000 to 12,000-word short (and probably more besides).

In any case, 20,000 words is hardly novel-length. Edgar Wallace produced his 80,000-word thriller, The Devil Man, over a weekend (vouched for by Sir Patrick Hastings), and one of his best and most tightly-plotted thrillers, The Coat of Arms, was also finished in three days.

Tied up in London

From the Secretary of Movement for London
Sir, Your excellent leader on the M25 (August 26) points out that improvements to the North Circular (A406) and its proposed extension into south London will reduce pressure on the new motorway. It is a pity that the Government have no plans to build a similar road in south London, as surely this is the only way that the obvious inadequacies at the south-western section of the motorway can be tackled in the long term.

The speedy decision to widen M25 around the M3 is to be welcomed, but it is strange that the section between M4 and M40, where bridges are already wide enough for eight lanes and where land is in public ownership, is not to be widened at the same time. We warned the Department of Transport that eight lanes would be necessary for parts of the M25 at public inquiries in the 1970s.

The failure to heed this warning

has cost the taxpayer dear: the five mile section (junctions 11 to 13) that is to have two extra lanes cost £1.1 million per lane/mile to build at 1986 prices, whereas the widening will cost £2m per lane/mile. If the motorway had been built to eight-lane standard in the first place the Exchequer would have saved £11m on this short section. These figures are low because no extra land has to be acquired and the bridges do not need widening. Because the costs of widening other sections of M25 would be so high we think that the Government should now consider new modern orbital highways within Greater London, particularly in the south, which will relieve the M25 in the 1990s when it will be a major feeder road to the Channel Tunnel.

Yours faithfully, JEREMY HAWKLEY, Secretary, Movement for London, Cowdray House, 6 Portugal Street, WC2, August 28.

option but to accept totally un-economic rents. It is therefore essential for the long-term wellbeing of the industry for these unrealistic rents to fall in line with land prices and unless the institutions and the land agents who advise them accept this the industry will slide into an unnecessarily deep depression and so harm the whole rural economy and social structure.

Yours faithfully, STANLEY OF ALDERLEY, Tryslwyn Fawr, Rhosbol, Amlwch, Anglesey.

From the Rev Dr James Tolhurst
Sir, The arguments about "official" Church teaching and the stance of Vatican II which surface in Father Kevin Kelly's article make moral theology seem like a game of cops and robbers. There is a consistent teaching within the Catholic Church (which embraces both Vatican II and present Vatican teaching) that is concerned to safeguard life from conception to the grave and to centre sex within that context. Such teaching is hardly given a chance to be considered owing to the continual misrepresentation and denigration which it receives, often by those who have been given a mandate by the same official Church herself.

By all means let us have discussion: but this involves the principle, *audi alteram partem*. The critics' arguments prevent the case for the Church's consistent view from being heard and play upon the known sympathy of the public for anyone in the dock. Yours faithfully, JAMES TOLHURST, St Joseph's, High Street, St Mary Cray, Kent, August 30.

In October of 1920 Frederick Faust (best known as Max Brand, although he used a score of pseudonyms) hammered out 190,000 publishable words in 13 days. That's roughly 14,500 words a day, or a 60,000-word book every four and a bit days. And that was when he'd only been writing for three years.

Yours sincerely, JACK ADRIAN, Clematis Cottage, Bury End Street, Cradley, Near Malvern, Hereford & Worcester, August 29.

From Mrs Ewen Montagu
Sir, The best-selling story of the last war, *The Man Who Never Was*, by Ewen Montagu, was started on a Friday evening and delivered to the publisher the following Monday.

Yours faithfully, IRIS R. MONTAGU, 24 Montrose Court, Exhibition Road, SW7, August 29.

has cost the taxpayer dear: the five mile section (junctions 11 to 13) that is to have two extra lanes cost £1.1 million per lane/mile to build at 1986 prices, whereas the widening will cost £2m per lane/mile. If the motorway had been built to eight-lane standard in the first place the Exchequer would have saved £11m on this short section. These figures are low because no extra land has to be acquired and the bridges do not need widening. Because the costs of widening other sections of M25 would be so high we think that the Government should now consider new modern orbital highways within Greater London, particularly in the south, which will relieve the M25 in the 1990s when it will be a major feeder road to the Channel Tunnel.

Yours faithfully, JEREMY HAWKLEY, Secretary, Movement for London, Cowdray House, 6 Portugal Street, WC2, August 28.

From Mr J. A. Connolly
Sir, During a recent holiday on the Continent I was struck by the number of foreign words filtering into different languages. The best example I encountered was in a fast food restaurant in Heidelberg where one could order "Cheeseburger mit pommes frites und ketchup". This order consists of two words in German, two in French and two in English/American.

Could this be the beginning of an international language? Yours faithfully, J. A. CONNOLLY, 194 Orphanage Road, Erdington, Birmingham, West Midlands, August 21.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 3 1910

Results of the League matches played on this day and reported in the next issue of the paper show 20 teams in the League (Championship, 20 in the Second Division, and 20 in the Southern League). The names in the Football League vary little from those of today, except for Gainsborough Trinity who beat Glossop 3-0 in the Second Division.

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

(From a Correspondent.)

League football is always in full swing on the first Saturday in September, however sultry the weather may be, the professionals having prepared themselves for the ordeal of playing a winter game in summer weather by a series of trial matches during August. Except that the "games" sometimes exceed 2,000, so eager is the professional spectator to take exercise by proxy) are given to hospitals and other charitable institutions, there is nothing whatever to be said in favour of those August matches, which sometimes account for the disappearance of well-known professionals from their county elevens long before the close of the cricket season. Indeed some authorities believe that, by adding to the burden of the season's work, such unseasonable games actually defeat the end in view, that of enabling club committees to make the best use of the material at their disposal. That they interfere with cricket to some extent is an unquestionable fact, which has already been recognized by some of the Northern cricket clubs which, *ceteris paribus*, prefer to engage professionals who do not take any part in professional football. There is no denying, unfortunately, that the interests of cricket are deliberately ignored by some of the League syndicates, the directors of which go so far as to assert that cricket is not a sufficiently strenuous game to keep their hirelings "fit" for their eight months of hard football. That is the reason, no doubt, why they are encouraging the play of baseball by their men. (To judge by the form of the teams in the English Baseball Association Final Cup tie, which was fought out by two Southern League clubs the other day, the standard of proficiency reached by the professional nines in this country is very low. Any team of American schoolboys could have beaten the winners of the Cup at their leisure.)

There are signs, however, that professional Association football is passing into a more healthy state. There has been a great decrease in the number of players transferred from one club to another — for a consideration — and the costly imported Scot is not nearly so frequent as in past seasons, the League directors having discovered that it pays better to seek for the raw material of team-building at home. All this marks for the recognition of the territorial principle, which, by the way, has never been neglected by the amateur sportsmanlike clubs engaged in the League competition. Rather late in the day it has been discovered (1) that the crowd invariably takes more interest in the home-grown home-made player, than in any "foreigner", however excellent his play, and (2) that a team made up of local talent does not lose its patina in a period of adversity.

The true sportsman's objection to professional football would be minimized if every team was composed of men born and raised within its sphere of influence. Furthermore, the true value of the *bona fide* amateur is at last recognized by the League clubs. His presence is no longer regarded as objectionable because his style of play differs from that of his professional companions and because he cannot be expected to fraternize too fervently with them. It is seen that he brings new life into the game (which is not work but play to him) and that the effect of his presence on the moral of the team is often invaluable. Here is one reason why one or two of the leading lights in the Football Association are beginning to think that peace should be made with the Amateur Football Association...

It is not possible to regard professional football, which takes so many thousands into the open air every week, as altogether outside the pale of sportsmanship. The average professional player is a good sportsman and a good fellow; there is no reason in the nature of things why he should not attain the status of the professional cricketer, a type whom we all like and admire. Hitherto, however, the question of money-making has been paramount with his employers, often against his will, to indulge in discreditable tactics in order to win League "points" or avoid losing them. At the present moment more League clubs are in pecuniary difficulties than has ever been the case before, and the syndicates are beginning to see that football is not really a money-making business. When they also see that it ought not to be a commercial affair we may hope for the cessation of many abuses.

Mon repos

From Mr W. R. E. Allen
Sir, The current edition of *Tatnes Wreckers*, in its "private property for sale" section, offers a house with "an imposing white pillowed portico". Should be an ideal spot for a night on the tiles! Yours faithfully, W. R. E. ALLEN, 20 Weston Lane, Bridgetown, Tynes, Devon, August 28.

Teachers' pay

From Mr David A. Turner
Sir, Stuart Sexton (article, August 28) would like to abandon the national pay scales for teachers and return to the so-called free bargaining of yesterday. I recall such a system when I was teaching in a very well-established independent school in the United States, where a hardworking, but unfortunally middle-aged spinster teacher of classics was kept on a subsistence-level salary whilst her male married physicist colleague and her Russian female colleague were able to negotiate substantial annual increases.

Such a system does not bring harmony to a school. If we returned to local bargaining not only would teacher be pitted against teacher, with consequent wastage of energy in negotiations, but the differentiation (already apparent in varying levels of capitulation, in-service grants etc) would be exacerbated so that the division between the North and South, between the inner-city and the suburbs, would thrive. The losers would be the nation's children, 94 per cent of whom are in the State system.

Sexton's article contained another false assumption — namely that he can identify good physics, mathematics and so on, and pay them more. All the proposals I have seen simply pay them more for their shortage value, regardless of quality.

For instance, on the Post-Graduate Certificate of Education course on which I teach there will be in September a minority of students in named shortage areas who will receive an additional government grant of £1,200, but there is no guarantee that they will all complete the course successfully or be better teachers than the other students.

In a school, as a parent, I would want my children to be taught by good history teachers, good musicians and so on. Are such teachers to be paid less than someone with a degree in physics, regardless of whether or not they fulfil the criteria for a good teacher? Mr Sexton surely fails to recognize that there is a difference between a good teacher and a shortage subject teacher.

I am sure that many of those such as myself who are fully involved in the State system of education welcome the development of positive steps to improve the quality of teaching — indeed, we have been working to this end for years. We see the current Acas proposals as one step in that direction and hope that they will prevail in the face of such ill-thought-out schemes as those put forward by Stuart Sexton. Yours sincerely, DAVID A. TURNER, The Briars, 28 Victoria Road, Broomhall, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, August 28.

From Mr Keith Caulkin
Sir, Stuart Sexton's article relates a refreshing, radical approach for the remuneration of teachers. I agree with him that good teachers would flourish in a free market and the pupils' education would benefit as a result.

As a physics teacher, — in short supply — I could demand, and obtain, a more attractive salary, unlike at present where the nationally fixed wage prevents the operation of market forces in education.

Since I enjoy teaching this makes me frustrated, especially when I read in the Institute of Physics remuneration survey (*Physics Bulletin*, May 1986) that the mean salary of physicists in employment is £23,000 per annum more than a head of department (in his/her thirties) on scale 4 in a secondary school.

I am convinced that if Stuart Sexton's real pay deal was implemented it would benefit the able teacher, reverse the worsening shortage of teachers in certain subjects, notably physics, ensure quicker promotion and restore the professionalism to teaching. The whole education system would be the beneficiary. Yours faithfully, KEITH CAULKIN, 24 Ashfield, Waverley, Liverpool, August 28.

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THE ARTS

Television Vintage humour

Snooping, torch in hand, around his uncle's film vault, Michael Grade has recently stumbled over one or two cobwebbed treasures. His purchase of them for the BBC might not look too good on paper, but they certainly grace the screen.

Vintage Morecombe and Wise (BBC1) — introduced recently by Eric, on the edge of a too-green sofa — showed that humour need not date if it is slightly and elegantly packed.

Watching four examples of ATV's double-act, one was struck by the simplicity of the format and the sheer enjoyment of the participants. Their rendering of the death of Caesar — with Eric finding it increasingly tricky to bear the weight of his short fat hairy-legged Emperor — is one of the funniest ad lib pieces I have ever seen. As an Italian acrobat once observed: "You boys, you do not work. You play."

Would that Mr Grade could provide us with a modern equivalent. *Help!* (BBC1) was the start to yet another unfunny comedy series about the unemployed in Liverpool. Featuring a poet, a moron and a wide-boy in a leather jacket it was set in a shelter, a cafe and a building site.

Written by Joe Boyle, it tried to emphasize their buoyant optimism, but the script was lumberingly obvious and the studio laughter inappropriate. As an American critic once said, someone in the audience must have been telling jokes at the back.

Over on ITV, an hour of prime-time was devoted to *The Jim Davidson Show*. The comedian in question acted as if he were a warm-up man who has found himself shunted on stage when the star fails to turn up.

The programme's flaccid mixture of vulgarity and sentimentality came to the boil when Jim Davidson introduced us to Samantha Fox, doing a possible impersonation of a black leather whoopee cushion.

Nicholas
Shakespeare

Concert

Toronto
Symphony/Davis
Albert Hall/Radio 3

After an 11-year marriage, even one in which the parties have announced forthcoming divorce, it is not surprising if conductor and orchestra miss each other's qualities fairly extensively.

On this Prom's evidence, Andrew Davis has shaped the Toronto Symphony into a warm-sounding, highly competent band; neat, hard-working and with some excellent soloists in principal positions.

But for Mahler's Ninth Symphony one looks for rather more, or perhaps rather less: less urbanity, more violence; less of an all-pervasive, solid "blend", more raw incision in the projection of savage counterpoints; less of an almost jaunty quality that turned the angry Rondo Burlesque into a picturesque tone-poem and eased the Ländler's satirical sting, more snarl — especially from the brass.

It was only in the final Adagio, where one sensed the strings straining every sinew and where a degree of emotional reticence is appropriate for those lonely instrumental duets, that the orchestra and conductor at last indicated what the music means. And even here the violins seemed reluctant to play out the poignant glissandos, although they were perfectly acceptable when audible.

The wonder of Davis's interpretation of the first movement was how he managed to make those normally savage climaxes — passages designed to tear the music's momentum apart — so comfortable and sonorous. One could tell why his Richard Strauss is so admired. And it was precisely because his shaping of the written rallentandos was conveyed expertly by his alert players that one wished he had adopted a more flexible approach to the yearning string phrases.

The orchestra brought a compatriot as their soloist in Mozart's C major Concerto, K503. Louis Lortie made a fine impression in the 1984 Leeds Piano Competition and in several British appearances since. But this performance was often genial in spirit but essentially anonymous. Some undistinguished work in the first-movement cadenza did not help. Only in the Andante — properly "adagio" in spirit and with some stylish ornamentations added — did Lortie reveal the true quality of his cultured touch.

Richard Morrison

Dance: the Tokyo Ballet in London

Béjart ballet in time-warp

The Kabuki
Covent Garden

One of the most famous Kabuki plays is *47 Ronin*, which tells of faithful servants avenging their master who had to commit *seppuku* after being deliberately provoked into attacking his enemy within a palace where this is a mortal crime.

Based on real events at the beginning of the eighteenth century, it was turned into dramatic form (first for Bunraku puppets, then for Kabuki) in 1748 and is still popular.

This is the subject that Maurice Béjart has taken for his creation. *The Kabuki*, for the Tokyo Ballet, premiered in April and given last night at Covent Garden to open a European tour.

But it is not Béjart's way to play anything straight, so it is turned into an extravaganza about a disaffected young man in modern Tokyo who finds himself by some unexplained time-warp involved in these ancient events.

Ancient they are, since Japan then was more than half a world away from the Europe

of Congreve and Hawksmoor. Handel and Leibniz. It was a feudal society, whose morals and manners are strange to us. So you could make a good theatrical case in favour of Béjart's modernization, but in theatrical terms it does not work.

Some readers will have seen extracts from *47 Ronin* performed at Sadler's Wells in 1972. They are unlikely to have forgotten the terrifying effect of those slow, stylized confrontations, the elaborate courtesy of gesture, the immensely detailed, prosaic preparation for the ritual suicide. Speeded it up, done in a mixture of imitation Kabuki, modern mime and ballet steps, the plot and incidents become trivial.

Most spectators, I imagine, will quickly give up on the plot. It takes two pages of close-packed, programme notes to explain. Perhaps Covent Garden should have brought its subtle equipment into use a couple of months early.

Only two characters really become clear: the young man, and what looks like a white-faced clown, who turns out to be a spy. He at least has a

distinguishing manner of movement: sly, insinuating, comic with a sinister edge, well-conveyed by Shiro Mizushima.

The young man's role is more conventional, standing out by its length and occasional bursts of virtuosity. For three of the five London performances this is played by Eric Vu An, Béjart's protégé from the Paris Opéra, appearing as guest. He has a technique that is certainly not put to shame by being seen right after the Bolshoi, and acts with a quiet, mainly solemn intensity.

All the other characters of *The Kabuki* look more or less interchangeable, except that the villainous Lord Morono (Chikshisa Natsuyama) wears black lines painted on his face. I wonder why these were missing from the severed head carried on in triumph at the end and handed to his victim's ghost?

Nuno Corte-Real has dressed them in loose, light approximations of Kabuki clothes worn over leotards and baggy trousers, when they slip off their ancient trappings for greater freedom of movement, resume them after a few

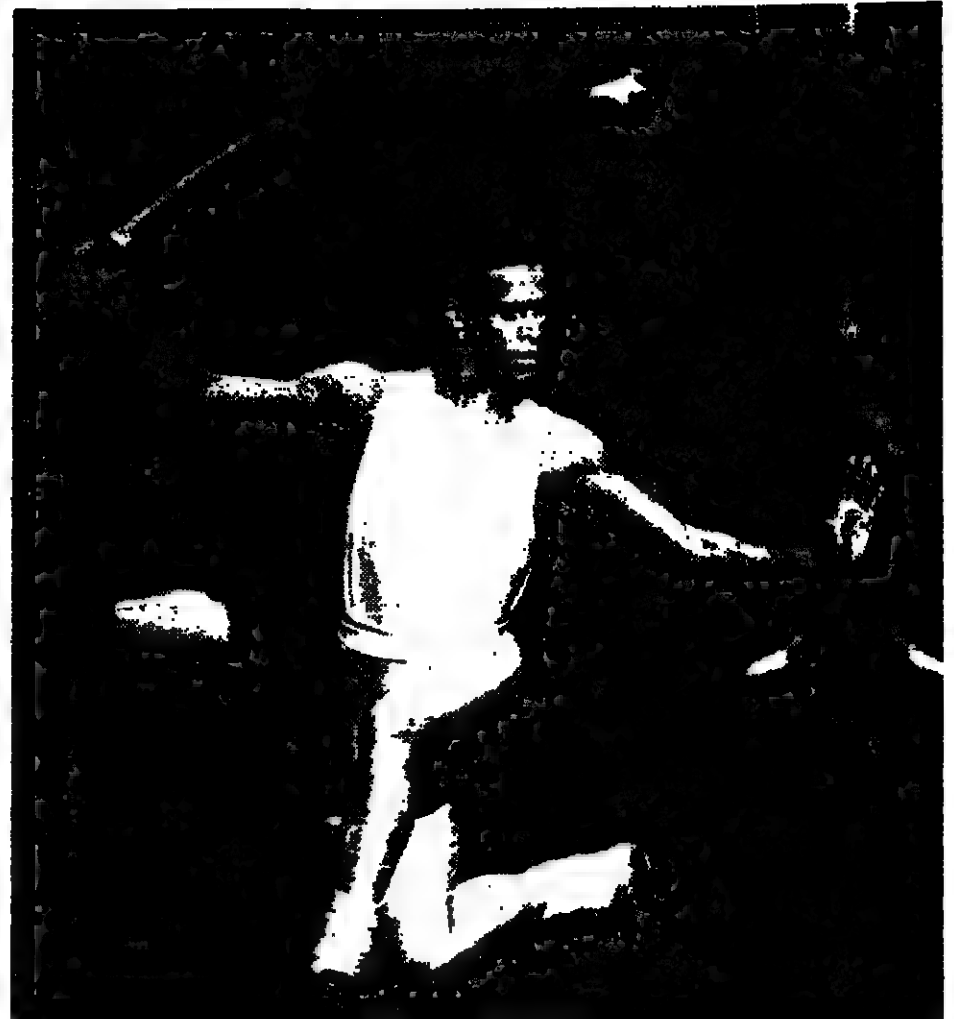
pirouettes or *grands jets*, then repeat the whole process within the course of a single solo. The effect becomes ludicrous.

The music by Toshiro Mayuzumi (who wrote *Bugaku* for Balanchine) similarly combines ancient and modern, Japanese and Western elements. Perhaps it operates on a more distinguished level, even though its mixture of the Tokyo Philharmonic, a Junrei vocalist and several traditional instrumentalists is heard on tape.

Béjart's name is obviously a passport to the present tour, which takes in the Paris Opéra, Vienna Staatsoper and La Scala among other theatres.

A couple of the men, unidentifiable, dance strongly in brief solos when Béjart's choreographic imagination belatedly gets into top gear for the final scene of the samurai assembling and attacking, but by then it is rather late to save the evening, and anyway the large ensemble lacks the punch with which Béjart's own company would have stirred up cheers for such simple massed movement.

John Percival



Eric Vu-An in *The Kabuki*

British directors, young and not so young, and two veteran French film makers have dominated the opening days of the Venice Film Festival. David Robinson reports



Nanon: the English girl (Imogen Stubbs) and the industrial terrorist (Jean-Pierre L  aud)

Shattered dreams

Wanderlust has struck the British cinema, to judge from our national exhibits at the 43rd Venice Film Festival. Ken Loach, who has always seemed the most British of directors, shot *Fatherland* largely in Germany, with German dialogue. The story concerns a dissident East German political singer who defects to the West — only to find that capitalism, just like communism, has ways (from the CIA to the politics of show-business) to keep people in line.

The film represents an unexpected collaboration with the writer Trevor Griffiths. Griffiths's trim, didactic style is far from Loach's preferred method of improvisation. Loach's temperament seems to dominate the expository section of the film — the singer's flight from east to west and the first shock of disillusionment. The later scenes, set in England, are more a writer's conception and the plot returns to familiar ground — Nazi-hunt melodrama and the paranoia of surveillance — and the political reflections become more schematic.

Nanon, the debut feature of Conny Templeman, a National Bangor Film School graduate, is set and shot in France, with a lot of French dialogue. The young Englishwoman of the title finds herself at a loose end after a holiday job in France falls through, and moves in with a young industrial terrorist, shoplifter and creep. All too slowly the scales of first romantic love fall from her eyes, sending her back sadder but wiser to home and college in bourgeois Britain.

Templeman is a promising director, who shows she can do a lot without words. The problem with *Nanon* is that she cannot sufficiently detach herself from her heroine. Some comment, criticism or humour was needed to forestall the audience's exasperation that the fool girl does not pack her bags an hour sooner.

James Ivory's *A Room with a View*, of course, is the story of an earlier and faster-developing Englishwoman abroad. The presence of the film in the Venice competition has been controversial: by strict festival rules it should be disqualified, as it has already had international distribution.

Briefly sticking it out at home, Tony Bicat's *The Christmas Present* is a whimsical *jeu d'esprit* about what happens when Mary, Joseph and the spirit of the reformed Scrooge come back respectively to seek and dispense charity in the high-rise hovels of contemporary London. At feature length it outgrows its strength, but it stays likeable and intermittently inventive.

The French cinema, not very strong on the international scene recently, fields the largest national entry in this year's Venice competition. The first films on show were both by veterans from before the New Wave. Alain Resnais is 64 and claims to have made his first film in 1936. Eric Rohmer is 66 and in films since 1950.

Resnais's *M  tro* is an odd caprice, an adaptation of an often filmed play of 1926 about love, loyalty and deception by Henri Bernstein. Resnais's version is shot as if on stage, with a drop curtain between acts and stylish art deco sets. The director states his purposes enigmatically: "We have to get rid of things that have nothing to do with the film. The director is there to say: be careful, here the style is changing. We are no longer within the edicts of the film."

The style is daring only in its monotony: the text and the playing of Sabine Azema and Andr   Dussollier and the overall elegance is just sufficient to keep interest alive.

Rohmer's *Le Rayon vert* is the best film seen in Venice so far. Number five in his series of "comedies and proverbes", it differs from its predecessors in relying on improvisation rather than Rohmer's usual precise script.

It is the story of a woman (Marie Riviere) no more neurotic than the rest of us, whose overly romantic view of love condemns her to a lonely search. Rohmer gives a day-by-day account of her disastrous summer holiday, frantically looking for Mr Right and as frantically spurning the willing Mr Wrongs who present themselves.

Rohmer is a generous chronicler of sentiments and the human heart. Here he achieves the considerable feat of sustaining concern and affection for a lachrymose lady who by strict standards is a pain in the neck.

The Maintenance Man Comedy

It has been said that the main cause of marital collapse is not adultery but carpentry, and this view gets strong support in Richard Harris's new play.

Bob, a television writer who quits the stormy matrimonial home to live with an understanding physiotherapist, is in most respects a stock character. What sets him apart from other defeated husbands bolting for cover is suggested in the title.

Not only is he ready to pay all the family bills, he also has a passion for home improvement which survives the collapse unscathed. He may be living with Diana, but he is always drifting back to Christine to put up a few shelves; with the result that he never really leaves home at all.

That sounds like a comic device; but although it frequently spirals into desperate laughter, *The Maintenance Man* is not a comedy. Much of it consists of lacerating rows between the estranged couple; rows that have nothing to do with Bob's woodwork. He comes over as a workaholic and a half-hearted husband who goes in for little lies in the hope of a quiet life.

It is all painfully true, but it is difficult to know precisely how to take it given the play's abrupt changes of focus. The

setting seems to be partly objective, and partly inside Bob's head.

The opening scene with the shelves, for instance, gives way to a monologue in which he outlines his plight. Thereafter present tense scenes alternate with direct address, flashbacks, and group scenes that move into fantasy: as where the trio go through "perfect people" routines; or, more often, enact the hero's mounting frenzy of conflicting loyalties.

Theatricality such scenes are underlined by the use of a single domestically cluttered set (by Tim Bickerton) for both houses: so that Bob may be changing a light bulb for Diana and then getting Christine to switch it on.

The impression of Roger Cresswell's production is of a little intelligent play struggling to escape a morass of pain and guilt. Whatever its formal confusion, it contains two meaty roles for the unhappy couple which yield a superb acting partnership: the hangdog John Alderton writhing in agonies of forbearance and frustrated violence; and Gwen Taylor point-scoring as if with a bloody sledgehammer, and then revealing the hurt that drives her to it.

The role of Diana is underwritten, but Susan Penhaligon scores whenever she is released from prosaic adultery into comic nightmare.

Irving Wardle

Theatre For King and Country Greenwich

It was an exquisite piece of timing to open a revival of John Wilson's play about the execution for cowardice of a First World War soldier the evening after television audiences had witnessed a similar episode in *The Monocled Mutineer*.

Wilson had a quarter-century's head start on Alan Bleasdale, and today his polemical piece comes across more as a tribute to the liberal impulses of the early 1960s rather than as a condemnation of inhumanity. The anti-war theme remains as valid as ever, but the specific issue of capital punishment has necessarily lost its teeth.

Alan Strachan's production also suffers by comparison with the Joseph Losey film version, which had Tom Courtenay and Dirk Bogarde in the principal roles, and where the victim was taken out and shot instead of being put out of his misery in the shell-shocked stable of Bernard Cusshaw's evocative set.

Here, Paul Clarkson plays the condemned Private Hamp as a gawky, unsoldierly

squaddie whose frankness and eagerness to please lend weight to the repeated image of his pending execution as putting down a dog.

The trouble with Hamp — a volunteer of 1914 who finally, unexpectedly, cracked under the strain — is that throughout the ordeal of the court martial and the subsequent wait for his last dawn, he remains polite and obedient, rather like Schweik without the satirical intent. In many respects, he is too good to be true, and it is left to his gaolers to express outrage at his fate.

Alex Jennings is suitably boyish, in a perfectly way, as the subaltern appointed to defend him, and their exchanges do justice to the script's secondary concern with the mutual respect and tenderness that may exist between the classes.

David Mallinson gives a convincing account of Hamp's platoon commander, the officer who draws the short straw to command the firing party, and Crawford Logan turns in an acute cameo of the dour, snappish medic to whom all soldiers not actually gapping with wounds are shirkers to be treated with laxatives.

Martin Cropper

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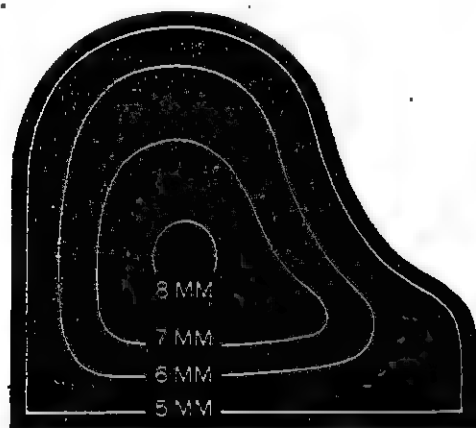
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FT 30 Share
1320.0 (-2.7)
FT-SE 100
1667.8 (-5.0)
Bargains
21683
USM (Datastream)
127.24 (+0.29)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4895 (-0.0010)
W German mark
3.0237 (+0.0099)
Trade-weighted
71.1 (+0.1)

Kalms' pay doubled

Mr Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons Group which failed in its £1.9 billion takeover bid for Woolworth, earned £487,654 last year, up from £208,334 previously. The amount, disclosed in the latest report and accounts, is based on a formula linked to the growth in earnings per share.

Two other directors earned more than £200,000 and one collected more than £175,000. Group profits rose by 97 per cent to £78.1 million.

Coffee market set for record

The London coffee futures market traded its one millionth contract of the year yesterday and is on course to beat the previous annual record of 1.37 million lots, traded in 1979. Volume on the coffee market more than doubled in August, helped by a sharp rise in prices.

Overall business on the London Commodity Exchange reached 2.1 million contracts in the first eight months of 1986, 31.4 per cent up on the same period last year.

IMI ahead

Pretax profits at IMI, the metal refining and engineering group, rose from £22.6 million to £30.5 million in the first half of 1986, despite a fall in turnover from £404.3 million to £383.2 million. The interim dividend is increased from 2.2p to 2.5p.

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Brammer up

Pretax profits at Brammer, the bearings and industrial services group, rose from £5.7 million to £6.1 million in the first half of 1986 as turnover expanded from £46.6 million to £51.2 million. The interim dividend was maintained at 4.5p.

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Ambrit issue

Ambrit International's rights issue was accepted for 83.54 per cent of shares on offer but the company says it was not possible to sell the remainder of the shares on the market at a premium. An Ambrit subsidiary has subscribed for the balance.

Offshoot sold

United Transport Company has sold its subsidiary, United Contract Hire, to Ryder Truck Rental for £2.5 million in cash.

Oil price rise

Egypt is raising the price of the five crude oils it exports by 50 cents a barrel for the first 15 days of September.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones 1895.67 (-2.67)
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow 18894.93 (-125.82)
Hong Kong
Hang Seng 1930.61 (+27.59)
American Gen 297.3 (+2.6)
Sydney: AO 1211.4 (+11.7)
Frankfurt
Commerzbank 2138.8 (+17.1)
Buenos Aires
General 3677.21 (+24.53)
Paris: CAC 4125.5 (SAME)
Zurich
SKA General 534.30 (SAME)
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INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base 10%
3-month interbank 9 1/8-9 3/8%
3-month eligible bills 9 1/8-9 3/8%
buying rate
US:
Prime Rate 7 1/4%
Federal Funds 5 1/4-5 1/2%
3-month Treasury Bills 5 1/4-5 1/2%
30-year bonds 10 1/4-10 1/2%

CURRENCIES

London:
£ \$1.4895
£ DM3.0237
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German and US growth eases rate cut pressure

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Another round of international interest rate cuts, led by the West German Bundesbank, became less likely yesterday with the publication of official figures suggesting a pick-up in economic growth. Figures released in both Bonn and Washington pointed to improved economic performance in the second half of the year. As a result, the pressure for further cuts in interest rates may ease.

The keenly awaited West German industrial production figures for July support claims by both the Bundesbank and the Bonn government that growth in the economy was coming through without the stimulus of lower interest rates.

Industrial production rose by 1.4 per cent in July, following a revised 3.5 per cent increase in June, the Economics Ministry said in Bonn. The figure rose, originally put at 2.7 per cent, was affected by changes in the timing of holidays, officials said.

But, taking June and July together, production was up by 2.5 per cent compared with the previous two months. Compared with a year earlier, June-July output was up by 2.5 per cent and manufacturing alone was 3 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1985.

At last week's council meeting, the Bundesbank refused to change its credit policies, despite pressure.

Traditionally interest-rate sensitive areas of the economy appear to be recovering briskly, even without further reductions in rates. Construction output, seasonally adjusted, rose by 6 per cent in July and, taking June and July together, was 5.5 per cent up on the April-May period.

In the United States, unexpectedly strong data for factory orders and construction spending cast doubts on the widespread market belief that the Federal Reserve will be forced by the stagnant economy into cutting its discount rate again this month.

Orders for manufactured goods rose by 2.2 per cent, or \$4.2 billion, in July, after a revised fall of 0.2 per cent in June. The last time orders increased by more than 2.2 per cent was in November 1984, although the increase announced yesterday was matched in December last year.

Durable goods orders rose by 4.1 per cent in July. Orders for defence capital goods rose by 3.2 billion, or 44.7 per cent.

As in West Germany, construction appears to be recovering strongly in the United States. In July there was a \$1.9 billion, or 0.5 per cent rise in construction spending, compared with a 0.1 per cent June increase.

The next important figures due in the United States, apart from the weekly money supply numbers tomorrow evening, are the unemployment statistics, due on Friday.

Interest rates in the London money markets hardened yesterday, with few traders now holding out much hope of an early base rate reduction. Rates rose by 1/8 of 1/4 points.

Ex-Singer business for market at £49m

By Cliff Feldman

A group of investors who paid £11 million last year for the European arm of the Singer sewing machine business is to float it on the London stock market with a price tag of £49 million.

The renamed European Home Products is forecasting pretax profits for the current year of £4.4 million after chalking up substantial losses for several years under its previous owners, mainly because of the heavy costs of rationalization.

EHP takes in the retailing and distribution businesses of Singer in 12 Western European and Scandinavian countries. It has 360 shops and more than 1,700 exclusive distributors.

Many of the shops, particularly in Italy and Portugal, sell a wide range of household electrical appliances.

Britain, despite once being an important manufacturing base for Singer, accounts for just 10 per cent of the business.

The chairman, Mr Enrique Gittes, says that whereas shoppers used to buy sewing machines to save money they now look upon purchases as leisure products.

Wico not up for sale says Exco

By Alexandra Jackson

Mr William Matthews, managing director of Exco International, the financial services group, yesterday denied there was any strength in the rumours that Wico, its Far Eastern stockbroking business, was up for sale.

Mr Matthews also said he believed morale at Wico to be high.

Yesterday's interim results from Exco included an exceptional provision of £9.1 million, arising from settlements Wico had made on behalf of a Japanese client.

Group pretax profits in the first half of 1986 fell from £49.4 million to £33.8 million, on turnover down from £128.9 million to £73.4 million.

Before taking account of exceptional items, lower profits and turnover reflected the sale of Exco's 52 per cent holding in Telerate, the financial information service business, in August 1985. Earnings per share rose from 7.3p to 7.7p and the dividend was increased by 50 per cent to 2.4p.

Profits from money broking in the period grew from £12.5 million to £15.1 million. This was encouraging considering the competitive market conditions. Forfeiting profits increased from £4.5 million to £5.9 million, while profits at WICO, before exceptional items, improved from £2.3 million to £3 million.

Exco spent £50 million in the first half on enhancing existing businesses, with forfeiting, stock lending and leasing receiving the lion's share. Exco is building up its gilt-laser-dealer broking.

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Volkswagen shares rise on issue terms

Frankfurt (Reuters) - Volkswagen AG shares and West German stocks in general are expected to make further gains from the terms of the DM300 million nominal preference share issue by the carmaker, dealers and analysts here believe.

The issue will raise DM2.1 billion.

VW shares continued to perform strongly yesterday, opening at around DM540 and climbing to DM554.8. But profit-taking pushed the price down, and the shares closed at DM544. The shares had risen by more than 14 marks before the issue terms were made public, and continued to rise in after hours trading following the announcement.

Rolls-Royce to collaborate in building fighter engine

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

A new four-nation company, Eurojet Engines, including Britain's state-owned Rolls-Royce, has been formed to produce a £5 billion high-technology engine for the next European fighter aircraft.

Under the arrangement, which marks a significant extension of European aerospace collaboration, Rolls-Royce and Motoren-und-Turbinen-Union of West Germany will each have a third of the work on the engine, with Fiat Aviazione of Italy taking 21 per cent and SENER of Spain 13 per cent.

The Rolls-Royce work will support thousands of jobs at the company's Bristol factory well into the next century.

The partners already collaborate in the jointly owned Turbo-Union company to produce the RB199, the engine fitted to the Tornado multi-role combat aircraft.

Rolls-Royce Engines took collaboration a step further, with the partners having joint participation on manufacture of the major engine modules.

The new engine, to be called the EJ200, will power the fighter which is being developed by the four countries as one of the replacements for existing Phantoms and Jaguars. It is due to fly in 1995.

Rolls-Royce will be responsible for producing the combustion system, the high pressure turbine, and the intermediate casing and is participating in the low pressure and high pressure compressors, the low pressure turbine, the re-heat system, and the convergent-divergent nozzle.

The companies will produce engines for the 800 aircraft needed by the air forces of the four participating countries. Eurojet said that, with additional export opportunities, more than 2,000 engines would be required.

Meanwhile, Sir Francis Tombs, chairman of Rolls-Royce, yesterday strongly denied that political interference had resulted in his company winning the prestigious £600 million order for engines to power British Airways' next fleet of Boeing 747 jumbo jets.

"There was no political pressure on me and as far as I know none on British Airways to buy Rolls-Royce engines," he said. "In fact, the opposite was the case. Commercial and economic reasons were paramount."

Rolls-Royce, which is heading for privatization next spring, won the BA order in the face of fierce competition from General Electric of the United States, whose senior executives complained at the



Alan Sugar: market will never be the same again

Personal computer coup for Amstrad

By Teresa Poole

Amstrad Consumer Electronics yesterday launched its new range of IBM-compatible personal computers and priced the basic model at just £399 plus VAT.

Mr Alan Sugar, the chairman of Amstrad, said he had managed to achieve the low price through teamwork and by not undertaking research for research's sake.

He gave a warning that the personal computer market would never be the same again and added: "We have rather maximized potential by using existing technology."

The PC1512 will be able to run the vast existing range of software developed for the IBM PC but costs less than half the price of an equivalent IBM machine. The package includes a monitor, keyboard, processor, mouse and software, but not the printer.

Mr Sugar said: "I see it as a genuine home computer where father can bring work home from the office on a floppy disc, put it in his machine and work on it on his own desk."

"At the same time, 'Sunny Jim' can use it to play Space Invaders if he wants."

There are four models in the range, with a top price of £949 plus VAT.

The PC1512, which is made and assembled in the Far East, has a main memory of 312k which can be expanded by a further 128k.

Amstrad's PCW series, launched last year, offers a complete (non IBM-compatible) system for around £450. By March this year more than a million Amstrad branded computers had been sold and Amstrad's profits in the first half of the current financial year jumped from £9.5 million to £27.5 million.

● The first Sinclair machine to be launched since the takeover in April by Amstrad will be unveiled today. The Sinclair Spectrum 128K+2 will cost £149 including VAT.

Guinness repayment

Two weeks after Guinness confronted shareholders to seek approval for its controversial boardroom changes more special meetings are being called - but these should be a lot less stormy.

The company yesterday announced plans to repay just over £86 million of outstanding loan stock which it inherited with its takeovers of Bell's, the Scotch whisky group, and Distillers.

Guinness says the sums involved are too small and insignificant for such a large international group and it will be asking loan stock holders at special meetings on September 26 to approve repayment.

KIO steps in

The Kuwait Investment Office has emerged as the owner of 14.16 per cent of TI, the Raleigh bicycles industrial conglomerate. The Kuwaitis disclosed their stake yesterday. The market believes it was bought from Evered Holdings, the fast expanding industrial group.

Weak sterling pulls reserves down by £95m

By Our Economics Correspondent

Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves fell by an underlying £141 million (£95 million) last month, as the pound weakened against the European currencies.

This followed a small decline of \$4 million in July. For most of this year, the Bank of England has been recouping the reserves used up in last year's successful attempt, with the other Group of Five countries, to drive the dollar down.

The reserves total stood at \$18,924 million (£12,722 million) at the end of last month, compared with \$19,083 million (£12,790 million) at the end of July.

The actual fall of \$159 million, converted to an underlying fall of \$141 million after allowance of accruals and repayments of borrowing under the exchange cover scheme. Accruals amounted to \$7 million during the month, and repayments to \$23 million.

The drop in reserves, while larger than market analysts had expected does not suggest heavy intervention in the foreign exchange markets in support of the pound by the Bank of England. However, some dealers have detected modest intervention when the pound has moved near to the DM3 level against the mark.

The reserves have increased by a cumulative \$1.1 billion during the first eight months of this year.

The pound fell from DM3.12 to DM3.03 last month, and from Fr10.15 to Fr9.9. It held up against a weak dollar, slipping by just half a cent to \$1.4875 between the end of July and the end of August.

Yesterday, the pound was steady. The sterling index rose by 0.1 to 71.1. The pound recovered from Monday's low of DM3.0170 to close at DM3.0255, and ended fractionally down against the dollar at \$1.4895.

Denial for Ansbacher vote claim

By Richard Lander

The Exel Group yesterday formally denied allegations by Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, that there had been discrepancies in two shareholders' votes which approved the £40 million (£26 million) purchase of Dealers' Digest, an American publishing company.

"In response to observations made yesterday by Henry Ansbacher & Co Ltd, the board of Exel has been assured by the joint scrutineers, Deloitte Haskins & Sells and the Royal Bank of Scotland that the votes validly cast, by proxy and by those present, were as announced at the extraordinary general meeting," the group said.

However, Lord Spens, the managing director of Henry Ansbacher, said his appeal to other shareholders who had voted against the Dealers' Digest purchase had elicited a response from investors holding 100,000 to 200,000 shares.

On Monday, Ansbacher said it knew of shareholders who had cast 17.52 million shares against the resolutions, compared with the 17.34 million announced at the meeting. The bank backed the Mirror Group Newspapers publisher, Mr Robert Maxwell, in his attempt to block the deal.

Despite yesterday's response, it seems unlikely that Ansbacher will hear from enough shareholders to claim that the resolutions, passed by just 900,000 votes, should have gone the other way.

Gold and platinum hit highs

By Our City Staff

The international bullion markets continued their strong advance yesterday. At one stage, platinum touched a six-year high of \$658 an ounce.

Gold came close to going through the \$400 an ounce level for the first time since early 1984.

However, both metals ended the day below their highs and some traders gave a warning that there could soon be a downward reaction.

"The market seems to have risen too far, too fast," said one dealer.

Platinum has steadily increased its premium over gold in the last few weeks. The metal rushed up from \$638 yesterday morning, to be fixed at \$658 before running into strong trade selling. Japanese jewellers, who are cutting down on their use of the metal, were thought to be the source of the selling.

By the end of the day platinum was quoted at \$639.50.

Gold touched a high of \$397 during the day before speculators started selling, disappointed that the \$400 level could not be breached.

Other sales were noted by the Soviet Union and some South African mines, which are believed to be covering production for the early part of 1987.

Gold ended around \$1.60 higher on balance at \$393.35.

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Mexican austerity measures 'to stay'

Mexico City (NY Times News Service) President Miguel de la Madrid said in his annual address of the nation that the economic austerity that has marked the people's lives for the last four years must become a permanent feature.

He said that, during his administration's remaining two years, he planned no dramatic changes to address Mexico's worsening economic crisis but would focus on stimulating economic growth.

The President pledged that Mexico would continue to avoid confrontations with international lending agencies and foreign bankers over its debt payments.

Mexico owes more than \$100 billion (\$67.5 billion) to foreign banks and international agencies.

"In the next two years, we shall continue to be temperate in our habits, but we shall not be pessimistic in our attitudes," he said in the nationally televised address to Mexico's Congress.

"Our austerity effort is permanent, but it now has a positive perspective of encouragement and growth."

Since Mexico's economic crisis developed in mid-1982, four months before President de la Madrid began his six-year term, Mexicans have coped with inflation that often reached 100 per cent and a steady reduction in real wages.

Further cuts in government spending and losses of oil revenues have plunged Mexico into a severe recession this year when the economy has shrunk by 3 to 4 per cent of the gross domestic product.

The President's address was boycotted by 41 members of the Chamber of Deputies.

der pressure from left-wing political parties to follow the lead of Peru's President Garcia, who has placed a limit on Peru's foreign debt payments and restricted the earnings that foreign companies can take out of the country.

The President has been cautiously prodding international lending agencies to make concessions to Mexico.

He has argued — and he repeated the arguments in his address on Monday — that without concessions from foreign bankers on interest rates, loan repayment terms and economic performance targets, Mexico would be unable to reverse the current recession and return to an expanding economy.

"We have taken and will continue to take a non-confrontational approach, one that recognizes joint responsibility for the generation of the debt problem, he said.

His non-confrontational approach seemed to bear fruit in July, when Mexico reached a new aid agreement with the International Monetary Fund that ties the amount of new loans to fluctuations in crude oil prices.

The IMF agreement in hand, Mexico is now negotiating \$2.5 billion in new loans from foreign bankers for this year and an even larger amount for 1987.

Foreign bankers, however, are increasingly wary of lending Mexico new money, since much of it will be used to pay interest on the existing debt.

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A lean-burn engine under next year's economic bonnet

	GDP Growth (per cent)		Inflation (per cent)		Current a/c (£ billion)		Unemployment (millions)	
	1986	1987	1986	1987	1986	1987	1986	1987
National Institute	1.8	1.8	3.25	5.5	-0.7	-5.8	3.2	3.1
London Business School	2.0	3.2	3.3	2.8	0.4	-2.5	3.1	3.1
Phillips & Drew	2.1	2.4	3.3	4.4	0.5	-2.5	3.2	3.0
James Capel	2.0	1.5	3.4	3.4	0.6	-3.4	3.1	3.2
Midland Bank	2.0	3.2	3.3	2.8	2	2	3.1	3.0
Scrimgeour-Vickers	2.1	2.5	3.1	3.3	1.7	-0.8	3.2	3.3
CBI	2.2	2.5	3.3	4.2	1.7	-1.7	3.2	3.1
Chase Manhattan	2.3	2.7	3.2	2.8	0.9	-1.2	3.2	3.1
Lloyds Merchant Bank	2.1	2.8	3.0	3.4	-0.5	-2.5	3.2	3.1
Wood, Mackenzie	1.8	2.5	3.3	3.5	-0.2	-2.6	3.2	3.2

*Fourth Quarter

The gloom that has emerged in recent economic forecasts is not yet universal. Even so, the picture is hardly one to bring comfort to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Most forecasters expect stronger growth in the economy next year, after the pause in growth during the present year. The Midland Bank and the London Business School are looking for an acceleration in growth to more than 3 per cent, although the consensus is nearer to 2.5 per cent.

The National Institute, castigated for the excessive gloom contained in its August forecast, does not expect any slowdown in growth next year. Rather, the prediction is for this year's sluggish pace, estimated by the Institute to be 1.8 per cent.

The gloomy spot, as far as the growth forecasts are concerned, is occupied by the

stockbroking firm of James Capel, which has growth slowing from 2 to 1.5 per cent.

Mr Keith Skeoch, chief economist at James Capel, pointed out yesterday that much of the gloom arises from declining oil output, which acts as a drag on overall growth.

Growth in non-oil gross domestic product is put at 2 per cent next year, compared with 2.3 per cent this year. But a fall in North Sea oil production, of as much as 15 per cent, reins back the overall GDP increase to 1.5 per cent.

For the rest, the forecasters, expecting a year of growth, see consumer spending as providing the main impetus. Average earnings are expected to grow faster than prices, almost indefinitely, and this together with pre-election tax cuts can be expected to produce a 4 per cent real consumer spending growth next year.

It is, however, possible to have strong growth in consumer spending — the National Institute is looking for 3.5 per cent growth next year, and James Capel 3.4 per cent — without buoyant overall growth in the economy.

Consumer spending, if it merely drags in larger quantities of imports, does nothing for growth in Britain. Just as negative "net exports" have choked off growth in the United States, so a similar thing could be about to happen in Britain.

The National Institute leads the pack on the balance of payments. Its forecast of a £5.8 billion deficit in 1987 is well above the others. The Midland Bank's £2 billion surplus next year stands out like a merrymaker at a funeral amid all the other predictions of a shift into substantial deficit.

The consensus forecast, of a £2.3 billion deficit next year, has a depressing air of plausibility about it, given the likely halving of the trade surplus on oil, and the trend of the manufacturing deficit.

There is, too, after the experience of the past three years, an inevitability about the expectation that, with a deteriorating balance of pay-

ments and an election ahead, sterling will run into difficulties. Most forecasters anticipate that an uneasy combination of high interest rates and an intermittently falling pound will govern financial policy over the next 18 months or so.

The crunch numbers, as far as the Government is concerned, are for unemployment and inflation. There will not be a massive fall in unemployment before the end of next year, unless everyone has missed something.

Rather, the distinction is between those who see unemployment heading ever upwards from its current high level, and those who see some possibility of a small decline.

To prove that the old relationships between growth and unemployment are not what they were, the National Institute, while at the gloomy end of the growth range, has unemployment falling with the impact of the Government's special employment and training measures. The London Business School, with one of the strongest growth forecasts next year, has the jobs level steady.

On unemployment, the Government looks to be in a no-win situation. A substantial fall is not on the cards, and a small fall will be attributed by opposition spokesmen to changes in the method of counting.

The picture is slightly rosier on inflation, although the trick achieved by Mrs Thatcher in 1983, of going to the country at the low point of the inflation cycle, will be hard to repeat.

The general view is that the July inflation rate, of 2.4 per cent, is at or near the low point, although some forecasters have high hopes for the August figures, which could show a further small drop in the inflation rate. Next year, it is widely expected inflation will rise to 3.5 or 4 per cent, measured by the retail prices index, but little changed on this year when measured by the gross domestic product deflator.

David Smith
Economics
Correspondent

Exco shares poised for bid boost

Barring a takeover bid, Exco shareholders are enjoying a less exciting ride for their money these days. Some will breathe a sigh of relief while others may suspect the group is lacking impetus and direction.

The days of frenetic corporate activity are over. Exco is well balanced now, both geographically and by discipline, with £330 million in the bank. It is keen to move back into fund management and to increase the amount of capital in existing businesses. Otherwise it is on the lookout for a "mega-deal" to absorb its cash.

Last spring's abortive talks with Morgan Grenfell, blocked by the Bank of England, would have given rise to an operation capitalised at around £1 billion — just the type of deal Exco would like to come up with.

However, opportunities are few and far between. It would be foolish to expect Exco to have a time limit but investors could become impatient.

Confidence at Wico, the Far Eastern stockbroker, has been badly hit. The default of a client who had been dealing in shares in Nankai Electric Railway, the Japanese company, necessitated an exceptional loss provision of £9 million.

Wico was not alone in suffering losses as a result of this episode, but the experience has been galling. Contrary to rumours, Wico is apparently not up for sale. There are plans to spend more money on stockbroking in the second half of the year and Wico should do well but it cannot afford to lose any more good people.

Money broking profits held up despite the damaging effect of freely negotiated commissions had on the London market once they became the norm this year. Stock lending and inter-dealer broking should contribute in the second half, while for it continues to perform well.

The growing internationalization of the multi-discipline markets in which Exco operates should underpin profits from these activities in the longer term.

Last month it was announced that First City Financial Corporation, the holding company for the Belzberg family, the well-known Canadian arbitrageurs, had a 6.25 per cent stake in Exco. Rumours yesterday suggested they were still active, and while their motives are unclear, suffice it to say the Belzbergs are not known for their long view.

Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, the Malaysian entrepreneur, holds just under 29 per cent of Exco. He cannot raise his stake without the board's approval, nor can he sell his

shares unless a bid for Exco is made or a third party owns more than 10 per cent. He must be watching the events in Canada with interest.

Exco should make £78 million in the full year. This gives earnings per share of 18p and puts the shares on a p/e ratio of 12.5 times. Only takeover speculation will push the shares higher at the moment.

IMI

Mr Gary Allen, IMI's managing director, is anxious to distance himself from the current pessimism about the British economy. Demand in some general engineering sectors is flattening but this is not the same as a downturn, he insists. And anyway, many of IMI's businesses operate in the sort of niche engineering areas which should prove more resilient.

But how far does the 35 per cent improvement in pretax profits to £30.5 million in the current first half bear out this optimism?

Interest charges dropped by more than £3 million, due to translation factors and the inflow of cash from disposals, so the improvement in trading profits was a more modest 18 per cent to £31.9 million.

With the help of £1.7 million from Martonair, included from the middle of April, fluid power has overtaken Drinks Dispense as the largest contributor to profits.

But Martonair's results have not so far improved on last year's, and integration costs — which will be dealt with through the balance sheet rather than through profit and loss — are likely to run into several millions with closures in Britain, Germany and Canada. The benefit to profits will not be seen before next year.

At Drinks Dispense, IMI remains one of the casualties of the US Cola war with the uncertainty in the markets delaying expenditure on new equipment. In local currencies there was an improvement but, overall, the division slipped by £0.2 million to £6.8 million.

However, the best performance came from the building products division where pretax profits jumped from £1.5 million to £4.3 million in a market made more buoyant by the merger of two of IMI's competitors. Titanium also continued to perform strongly, reflecting Rolls-Royce's current successes, and is expected to bring in strong second-half results. A 50 per cent improvement in metals to £6.1 million was achieved despite problems in copper refining which suffered from lower metal prices and the sharp drop in the value of tin.

Profits of £73 million for the full year would put the

shares, up 5p at 173p, on a p/e of less than 11. With net debt at around a fifth of shareholders' funds, further acquisitions are planned. Flattening economy or otherwise, the shares look well supported by next year's prospects.

Brammer

Brammer shareholders who have been gnashing their teeth since turning down Bunzl's cash offer of 420p a share last year have probably ground them to a powder by now.

Yesterday the shares dropped 10p to 283p, having touched a year's low of 273p at one stage, as the industrial services group came in with services interim profits of £6.1 million, only 7 per cent up on last year and some way below market expectations. The new paper issued to pay for Energy Services & Electronics (ESE), the electronic equipment rental group, meant that earnings per share fell from 11.4p to 9.2p.

After a disappointing first six months in the Brammer group, ESE appears to be working well now, contributing about £2.3 million in the first half and showing profits growth of about 14 per cent. It is expanding rapidly in Europe and Brammer management is confident of reaping returns from Italy, Denmark and Switzerland over the next year.

The bearing services group, the traditional core of the company, also performed strongly as Brammer expanded its range into areas such as transmission products. Atlas Brammer is bracing itself for a flatter second half as it runs into the slowdown which appears to be gripping British industry.

There is little joy from the rest of the company. In precision engineering, profits fell by about £200,000 after a slow start, although a better second half should even things out over the year.

But Brammer is less optimistic about its two other divisions, which just about broke even in the first half after making about £900,000 in the same period last year. Master Pumps and Lion Oil supply the oil exploration industry which is down in the dumps for obvious reasons, while Unitel, a distributor of electronic components, operates in an industry where faces are almost as long.

Pretax profits for the whole year now look likely to be nearer £14 million than the £16 million which analysts had pencilled in earlier.

That equates to earnings per share of around 21p and a prospective p/e of 13. Not cheap to buy into, but any bidder who looks again might find the shareholders rather less loyal to their company than last time.

IMI Interim Report for the Half Year to 30 June 1986

	1986 First Six Months	1985 First Six Months	1985 Year
Turnover	£383.2	£404.3	£768.2
Trading profit after charging depreciation	10.2	9.6	18.9
Income from fixed asset investments	1.3	1.5	3.2
Net interest payable	(2.7)	(5.9)	(9.1)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	30.5	22.6	57.8
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(8.6)	(7.8)	(17.2)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	21.9	14.8	40.6
Applicable to minority shareholders of subsidiaries	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.5)
Profit applicable to shareholders of IMI plc before extraordinary item	21.7	14.5	40.1
Extraordinary loss after taxation	—	—	(2.8)
Profit applicable to shareholders of IMI plc after extraordinary items	21.7	14.5	37.3
Earnings per share (excluding extraordinary items)	7.5p	5.4p	14.9p

DIVIDEND

The Directors have declared an interim dividend for the current year at the rate of 2.5p per share (1985: 2.2p per share). This dividend will absorb £7.9 million (1985: £5.9 million) and will be paid on 20th October 1986 to shareholders on the Register on 25th September 1986.

BRIEF REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The analysis of turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation by class of business is set out below:

	1986 First Six Months		1985 First Six Months		1985 Year	
	Turnover £m	Profit £m	Turnover £m	Profit £m	Turnover £m	Profit £m
Building Products	86	4.3	83	1.5	169	7.7
Heat Exchange	36	2.4	40	2.5	77	4.9
Drinks Dispense	71	6.8	73	7.0	130	12.5
Fluid Power	57	7.3	44	5.0	85	11.2
Special Purpose Valves	22	2.1	20	1.6	38	4.2
General Engineering (and other activities)	40	3.8	43	2.5	83	8.6
Refined and Wrought Metals	104	6.1	137	4.0	251	11.9
	416	32.8	440	24.1	833	61.0
Items not attributable to specific class of business	—	(2.3)	—	(1.5)	—	(3.2)
Intra-Group Sales	(83)	—	(38)	—	(87)	—
	383	30.5	404	22.6	766	57.8

Note: The results of Martonair have been incorporated in Fluid Power from 1st April 1986 and contributed £10.6 million of sales and £1.7 million of pre-tax profit in the first half of 1986.

First half pre-tax profits of £30.5m were 35% higher than those reported last year. Lower sales mainly reflected lower copper prices and translation of overseas sales at lower exchange rates. Compared with the first half of 1985:

Market conditions for most of our building products improved and we continued to benefit from rationalisation measures taken previously.

In heat exchange we achieved good results from aluminium products for the motor vehicle and aircraft industries, but profits were affected by a strike early in the year.

Our specialised components in general engineering did well and, with other activities in this sector, more than offset somewhat reduced figures in alloy tube.

We achieved increased profits in special purpose valves, mainly through higher sales to the chemical industry.

Growth in drinks dispense continued strongly in the UK and Europe. The US market was more difficult and results were also affected by the weakness of the dollar.

Results in refined and wrought metals reflected continued demand for titanium.

Our fluid power activities benefited from further growth and from the acquisition of Martonair. Since acquisition we have made significant progress towards integrating Martonair with our existing fluid power activities although the major benefits will not flow through until 1987.

In addition to profits attributable to Martonair, the Board expects better results in the second half than in the first, despite flattening of demand in some business areas.

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Bestobell tells bid rebels to sell off shares

Bestobell is advising shareholders to sell in the market or accept the offer by Meggit Holdings, a fellow engineering company.

In a statement issued yesterday, Bestobell said: "Although the board of Bestobell have considered Meggit's offer not to be in the best interests of Bestobell's shareholders, employees and customers, and accordingly have vigorously resisted it, they believe that, given the level of acceptance to date, it is no longer in the best interests of holders who have not accepted the offer to continue in a minority position."

"The options available to such holders are either to sell their Bestobell shares in the market or to accept the Meggit offer."

Meggit is offering 532p a share for Bestobell, valuing the company at £86 million. It announced on Thursday that it had received acceptances for 53.8 per cent of shares.

The Meggit offer is now unconditional.

Rowntree issue

Rowntree Mackintosh has received acceptances for 95.2 per cent of the 42.57 million shares on offer in its rights issue. Shares not taken up were sold at a net premium of 43.87p over the issue price.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.00%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Citibank Savings	10.75%
Comptroller	10.00%
Continental Trust	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hong & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

1986 INTERIM RESULTS — HIGHLIGHTS

Swire Pacific Limited

Results: Swire Pacific Limited's profit before extraordinary items for the first half of 1986 was HK\$613.1 million, compared with HK\$404.4 million in the equivalent period in 1985; additionally, an extraordinary profit of HK\$1,382.2 million arose from the sale of shares on the flotation of Cathay Pacific Airways and the total profit attributable to shareholders was HK\$1,995.3 million. The timing of recognition of property development profits, which in 1986 will occur mainly in the second half-year, has had a significant effect on the interim results. The unaudited consolidated results for the six months ended 30th June 1986 were:

	Six months ended 30th June 1986 HK\$M	Six months ended 30th June 1985 HK\$M	Year ended 31st December 1985 HK\$M
Turnover	7,090.5	6,596.9	13,692.2
Operating profit	855.2	1,077.2	1,878.7
Net finance income/(charge)	2.8	(179.6)	(215.2)
Net operating profit	858.0	897.6	1,663.5
Share of profits less losses of associated companies	59.6	31.2	88.8
Profit before taxation	1,017.6	928.8	1,752.3
Taxation	182.6	162.1	215.4
Profit after taxation	835.0	766.7	1,536.9
Minority interests	212.9	126.3	311.0
Profit before extraordinary items	622.1	640.4	1,225.9
Extraordinary items	1,382.2	—	56.1
Profit attributable to shareholders	1,995.3	640.4	1,282.0
Dividends	231.8	185.7	568.9
Retained profit	1,763.5	454.7	681.1
Earnings per share:			
'A' shares	47.9c	51.4c	97.4c
'B' shares	8.6c	10.3c	19.5c

The results for the six months ended 30th June 1986 have been restated to conform with changes in accounting policies adopted during the year ended 31st December 1985. Earnings per share are calculated by reference to the profit before extraordinary items in each period and the weighted average number of shares in issue in those periods, adjusted to reflect the capitalisation issue made during the first half of 1986.

Interim dividends: The directors of Swire Pacific Limited have today declared interim dividends for 1986 of 18.0c per 'A' share and 3.6c per 'B' share.

	1986 Interim	1985 Interim	Final	Total
Dividends per share:				
'A' shares	18.0c	14.7c	32.3c	47.0c
'B' shares	3.6c	2.3c	5.5c	8.4c

The dividends per share for 1985 have been adjusted to reflect the capitalisation issue made during the six months ended 30th June 1986. The interim dividends are payable on 31st October 1986 to shareholders registered at the close of business on 26th September 1986; the share registers will be closed from 15th September 1986 to 26th September 1986, both dates inclusive.

The interim dividends will comprise minimum cash dividends of 1.0c per 'A' share and 0.2c per 'B' share, which are being paid in order to ensure that the shares of the Company continue to be Authorised Investments for the purpose of the Trustee Ordinance of Hong Kong, and an issue of additional shares by way of scrip dividends but shareholders will be given the option of receiving cash in place of part or all of such scrip dividends. Full details of the scrip dividend procedures will be given in a circular which will accompany the complete Interim Report to be sent to shareholders on 8th September 1986.

Prospects: The results of the Swire Pacific Group for the second half of 1986 are expected to show a significant increase over those of the equivalent period in 1985 and over the first half-year results, and the property division, in particular, should record profits at substantially higher levels. Strong performances are also expected from aviation, industries and trading divisions, with shipping and offshore services remaining depressed.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Leaders slip as investors miss lead from Wall St

The markets paused for breath after the strong run of the past six trading sessions. The last of a lead from Wall on Monday tended to dampen investment enthusiasm for leading shares but overall speculative situations at favourable trading statements provided a firm undertone.

The FT 30-share index closed down 7 at 1,320.0 while the broader FT-SE 100 index finished the day at 1,667.8, down 5.0.

Gilt was neglected after recording falls to one-quarter among conventional stock but index-linked issues found modest support.

Leading industrials shedding 2p to 8p included Thera EMI at 49.4p, Grand Met 40.1p and Allied-Lyons 35.3p. Courtauld resisted the trend at 27.9p up 7p helped by strong option activity. British Telecom fell 6p to 198p ahead of quarterly figures next week.

Banks succumbed to profit-taking with NatWest at 56.2p and Lloyds 46.2p both down 10p but there was a modest recovery after hours.

Insurances improved ahead of interim statements today from Sun Alliance at 72.7p up 5p and Guardian Royal Exchange 3p better at 87.7p. Analysts expect good recoveries from both companies with around £30 million from Sun Alliance and £50 million from Guardian.

Foodstuffs a few pence with Borden Matthews down 14p to 27.1p on the denial of bid approaches. Alcon at 18.2p in general firm textiles. Chemicals were wanted, helped by the strength of the German mark. Croda International added 3p to 150p on the sale of its Masterlube

business. Laporte reporting later this month improved 5p to 388p.

Oils lost ground but consortium bid rumours continued to stimulate activity in IC

Newage Transmissions, which manufactures and assembles gear boxes for dumper trucks, is coming to the USM after the placing of 3.5 million shares at 75p, valuing the company at \$8.8 million. Formerly one of Charterhouse's industrial companies, Newage was sold to Paragon in 1984 then bought by its management last year for £3.6 million. Pretax profits this year are expected to double to £1.5 million on sales of £10.4 million. Dealings in the shares began on September 15.

Gas up 4p to 480p after touching 483p. Pearson Group advanced 10p to 531p ahead of interim figures next Tuesday. A 33 per cent profit setback knocked 8p from Roper A at 113p. AOC Research hardened 5p to 182p on talk of a bid from Barclays 3p lower at 167p.

Borland gained 8p to 160p on reports of a marketing agreement with Amstrad 2p easier at 148p. The new computer launch already discounted. Exco shed 2p to 232p after profits a little below expectations.

Bumper earnings boosted Clarke Hooper 5p to 173p. Wickes 3p to 183p. Addy Panels 25p to 280p and Evans Halshaw 10p to 132p.

In contrast a disappointing 7 per cent improvement knocked 10p from Brammer

at 283p. Takeover rumours continued to excite Lookers at 197p up 12p and United Scientific similarly higher at 160p.

A 35 per cent profit increase Group, placed at 43p following a reverse takeover of Staneco, started life at 50p, advanced 58p and closed at 55p. Norsk Data continued to respond to good profits on Monday up another £1 to £22.75. Comment on Monday's profit lifted Goodhead Print another 6p to 126p.

Lord Holdings recovered 8p to 271p in a firm building sector where Wilson (Connolly) gained 7p to 268p in front of today's figures. Combined Leasing also reporting up 7p to 145p.

Canadian expansion plans supported Westwood Daves at 72p up 5p. IPECO at 116p and P&W MacLellan at 58p both rose 4p ahead of statements later this month.

Trapdoor Jew shares were hoisted 8p to 68p on the Gauri Shanker stake.

An optimistic profits forecast with the annual report helped GM Firth at 72p up 2p. Star Plus added 5p to 313p after a 70 per cent expansion. Regalan shares were wanted at 330p up 15p. Recent comment continued to support John Crowthier at 180p up 4p.

Bass rallied 13p to 763p and Dowty shareholders a late firm spot at 232p up 6p.

Irish Stocks recovered behind a lead of Jefferson Smarfit at 239p up 9p.

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Austrian steel anger at 'British solution'

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Amid accusations from Opposition politicians that it was adopting a "cruel British solution," the Austrian government yesterday announced its plans to reform the country's ailing nationalized steel company, Voest Alpine.

The flagship of Austrian industry, Voest Alpine ran into trouble six months ago when it was discovered that millions of pounds had been lost by its managing board's ill-advised speculation in Middle East oil. The board resigned en masse as the full extent of the losses became known.

The then Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Fred Sinowatz, promised far-reaching reforms, but his resignation after Dr. Kurt Waldheim's victory in presidential elections was followed by the appointment of Herr Franz Vranitsky as finance minister.

Herr Vranitsky yesterday defended his plans and denied that they were unfeeling or a "national tragedy." There would be a tremendous injection of capital into Voest over the next few years, he said. By the 1990s, it would be back on its feet.

CRA hit by Aus\$183m currency loss

CRA, the Australian mining company, wrote off Aus\$183.4 million (£74.5 million) in currency exchange losses in the first half of this year, the company said yesterday, announcing interim results for the six months to June 30.

It reported a net profit of Aus\$60.28 million before allowing for the exchange loss, compared with Aus\$142 million a year earlier. This was despite a slight fall in turnover to Aus\$2.32 billion from Aus\$2.38 billion.

The profit was transformed into an overall loss of Aus\$125.86 million after extraordinary items. The interim dividend is cut from 5 cents to 3 cents.

COMMENT VW mega-rights tests privatization pothole

Volkswagen has tested the strength of the West German stock market and found it firm. Its shares rose before the announcement of the terms of its record-breaking rights issue and rose again in post-bourse trading once the terms were known. VW clearly needed more capital but it was lucky to get away with so much. Two factors could have damaged the issue.

One was its sheer size, outstripping the previous largest capital raising in Germany. The German market has had to absorb a great deal of new paper this year. Indigestion set in during the first quarter when a number of bank rights issues proved too much and the market's rise faltered. Since then, however, confidence has returned with a vengeance. The Commerzbank index moved ahead by 265 points during August, almost to April's record high. The appetite was restored.

This is symptomatic of the market's growing strength over the past decade, establishing it as the world's fourth largest after the UK. Since the trough of 1972, share prices have risen more than 230 per cent, compared with a 130 per cent rise in London, capitalizing the German market at about half the size of London. Large issues like VW's are typical. Less than 500 stocks are listed, compared with more than 2,000 in London.

The other potential threat to the VW issue was the overhanging promise of privatization which will release the 40 per cent shareholding, split

equally between the Federal government and the State of Lower Saxony, on to the market next year. The flood of paper that will cause has not damped enthusiasm for VW shares in Germany, but it is causing caution among British investors. So, too, is the style of the issue. Non-voting preference shares in a rights issue are rare in London, to say the least. The reason is simply that investors do not like them and evidently value their voting rights more highly than the Germans.

The most bizarre aspect is that non-voting shares were chosen because they would not dilute the voting power of the majority shareholders. The state and federal governments are not exercising their rights, or will at least be placing their shares later. But their control of the company is undiminished — a strange way for authorities bent on privatisation to behave. The aim of the issue was to raise money, not to put the company into the hands of private investors.

It confirms the impression that privatization has only a lukewarm following in Bonn. Left to themselves, the Free Democrats would probably pursue privatization with a will. But the three-party coalition government of which they are part has no such enthusiasm. No formal programme of asset sales has ever been announced in Germany and the VW issue should stand as a warning to the markets that the government's attitude to it is at best equivocal.

Tin war beyond words

The Government is keeping its cards close to its chest in the face of a flurry of accusations and warnings from the group of 11 metal brokers threatening to sue it for the losses they sustained from the tin débacle.

These losses are likely to be in the region of £160 million, although they could still soar to £400 million, plus interest and costs, if the legal challenge to the London Metal Exchange's ring out deal is successful. This fixed a tin price of \$6,250 a ton for the outstanding contracts — far above the current trading level of less than \$4,000.

The 11 brokers, who formed Tinco Realisations are petitioning to wind up the International Tin Council as a first step towards fixing liability on one, some, or all of the 22 member countries who were signatories to the ill-fated sixth International Tin Agreement.

Tinco has been advised by some of the most eminent barristers in the land that the member countries are jointly and severally liable for the ITC's debts. This could be a useful weapon since, if correct, it means that

any member can be sued for the debts of all.

That member or group would then have the unenviable task of trying to recover from all the other member countries their share of the liability.

This argument could, however, dampen the possibility of a negotiated settlement with individual countries. The British Government, for example, is liable on the basis of its contribution to the ITC for only 4 per cent of the total debts and at the time of the rescue plan for the market it was prepared to pay its share.

The failure of the rescue plan coupled with the actual and threatened legal action against the Government have obliged it to deny liability without giving reasons, because, for tactical reasons, it does not want to reveal its hand. If Tinco goes ahead with the winding up petition then Britain will discuss tactics with the 21 other member countries.

For Tinco the time for talking must be over. Its high profile and excellently-presented campaign has failed to produce the settlement it was aimed at. Let battle commence.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Time Month Starting	Open	High	Low	Close	Set Vol
Sep 56	90.28	90.28	90.28	90.21	394
Dec 56	90.73	90.73	90.73	90.73	1846
Mar 57	90.81	90.81	90.78	90.78	89
Jun 57	90.71	90.71	90.70	90.70	14
Sep 57	90.47	90.47	90.45	90.45	76
Dec 57	90.21	90.21	90.21	90.21	1
Previous day's total open interest 14809					
Time Month Eurodollar	Open	High	Low	Close	Set Vol
Sep 56	94.33	94.34	94.28	94.28	516
Dec 56	94.33	94.33	94.27	94.27	364
Mar 57	94.33	94.33	94.27	94.27	306
Jun 57	94.14	94.14	94.08	94.12	217
Sep 57	94.08	94.08	94.02	94.02	1
Previous day's total open interest 29408					
Time Month Treasury Bond	Open	High	Low	Close	Set Vol
Sep 56	100.10	100.10	100.10	100.10	266
Dec 56	100.10	100.10	100.10	100.10	1
Mar 57	100.10	100.10	100.10	100.10	1
Sep 57	100.10	100.10	100.10	100.10	1
Previous day's total open interest 1273					
Time Month Short Gilt	Open	High	Low	Close	Set Vol
Sep 56	101.33	101.33	101.33	101.33	1
Dec 56	101.33	101.33	101.33	101.33	1
Mar 57	101.33	101.33	101.33	101.33	1
Sep 57	101.33	101.33	101.33	101.33	1
Previous day's total open interest 10874					
Time Month Long Gilt	Open	High	Low	Close	Set Vol
Sep 56	121.58	121.58	121.58	121.58	1
Dec 56	121.58	121.58	121.58	121.58	1
Mar 57	121.58	121.58	121.58	121.58	1
Sep 57	121.58	121.58	121.58	121.58	1
Previous day's total open interest 2386					
Time Month FT-100	Open	High	Low	Close	Set Vol
Sep 56	170.7	170.7	170.7	170.7	394
Dec 56	174.8	174.8	174.8	174.8	181

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Aug 18	Aug 17	Nov 30	Dec 1
Aug 18	Sep 8	Nov 30	Dec 1
Aug 18	Sep 8	Nov 30	Dec 1

Options were taken out on 9/8/86. Amstrad, Audio PC, Rains, Regent, Aurora, Particell, Broad St, Corcor, STC, Charterhall, S&U Stores, Thomson T Line, Boots, Westward Wh, European Farm, BSG, BSR, Consolidated Machinery, Miles World, Fobal, Berra, Caledonian Options, Shield Group. Put & Call: Premier.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Series	Call	Put	Call	Put	Call	Put	Call	Put	Call	Put
Allied Lyons (353)	300	90	70	90	30	8	3	8	3	8
BP (760)	300	30	40	30	17	12	15	15	15	15
Cons Gold (519)	300	100	100	100	10	17	17	17	17	17
Courtauld (278)	300	20	40	20	23	35	42	42	42	42
Com Union (306)	300	20	30	20	4	5	8	8	8	8
Cable & Wire (342)	300	50	70	50	4	6	10	10	10	10
Debenhams (770)	300	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1
GEC (184)	300	15	20	15	6	8	11	11	11	11
Grand Met (421)	300	20	30	20	3	4	7	7	7	7
ICI (104)	300	20	22	20	4	5	8	8	8	8
Land Sea (331)	300	35	40	35	2	4	5	5	5	5
Marks & Spenc (417)	300	20	22	20	3	4	7	7	7	7
Shell Trans (933)	300	185	190	185	1	3	7	7	7	7
Travel House (297)	300	20	22	20	3	4	7	7	7	7
Bechman (418)	300	20	22	20	3	4	7	7	7	7
Boots (222)	300	20	22	20	3	4	7	7	7	7
BTR (919)	300	20	22	20	3	4	7	7	7	7
Bass (783)	300	20	22	20	3	4	7	7	7	7
Blue Circle (553)	300	20	22	20	3	4	7	7	7	7
De Beers (96)	300	20	22	20	3	4	7	7	7	7
Dunlop (389)	300	20	22	20	3	4	7	7	7	7
GKN (282)	300	20	22	20	3	4	7	7	7	7
Glaxo (390)	300	20	22	20	3	4	7	7	7	7
Hanson (192)	300	20	22	20	3	4	7	7	7	7

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES			
Market rates	Market rates	1 month	3 months
Sept 27	September 2		
N York 1.4285-1.4285	1.4285-1.4285	0.58-0.54pm	1.28-1.35pm
London 1.4271-1.4271	1.4271-1.4271	0.54-0.50pm	0.54-0.50pm
Amsterdam 1.4271-1.4271	1.4271-1.4271	11-14 pm	44-35pm
Brussels 62.57-62.50	62.61-62.54	17-13pm	49-37pm
Frankfurt 1.4271-1.4271	1.4271-1.4271	14-11 pm	49-37pm
Paris 1.4268-1.4268	1.4268-1.4268	11-14pm-10d	17pm-Side
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Madrid 1.4268-1.4268	1.4268-1.4268	4-4pm	4-4pm
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Koo plans 100 hotels for China

From Stephen Leather
Hong Kong

Koo Teck Pua, the Singaporean financier who joined the board of Standard Chartered Bank after helping it to fight off Lloyds Bank's takeover bid, has masterminded a HK\$2.7 billion (£235 million) plan to build a chain of 100 hotels in China.

Peking has approved the project and construction work should start next year at the rate of 2,000 rooms every 12 months over five years.

Two Chinese companies, the Kihwa Bank of Singapore and China Travel Services, the official Chinese travel agency, are involved in the joint venture with Koo Teck Pua's Goodwood Group.

They have combined to form Dragon Inn Management, a Hong Kong company, which will canvas Chinese and foreign investors to invest in individual hotel projects.

The venture comes when China has clamped down on hotel building. According to the China Daily, the Chinese authorities have already forbidden the building of any new middle and top class hotels in Guangzhou province. A Chinese government survey revealed that the province has 664 middle-class or de luxe hotels with a total of 59,000 beds and occupancy levels as low as 38 per cent.

Dragon Inn plans to concentrate on economy hotels and to take advantage of advance bookings from tourists and businessmen travelling from hotel to hotel within the chain.

New recording system threatens compact discs with death blow

By Amanda Gee Smyth

The Japanese electronics industry is set to plunge the audio market into another revolutionary phase that threatens to kill off the compact disc market before development costs have been recovered.

The newcomer is the digital audio tape - dat - to the trade - which is capable of sound equal to that from a compact disc but can also record with little distortion.

Dats will be a serious threat to the compact disc market, which has only just taken off. Many in the industry think that it will also make the conventional audio cassette obsolete.

Deliveries of compact disc equipment to trade outlets rose to 147,000 units last year compared with 17,000 in 1983. The total is expected to reach half a million this year. But if the big Japanese groups such as Matsushita and Sony begin marketing dats the compact disc market may die before it has recouped development costs.

Opposition to dats, how-



Growth sector: the mini VHS video camera-recorder/player

ever, comes from the European and United States music industry, which wants legislation requiring all dat machines to carry an anti-copying device called a spoiler so that dat cannot pirate copyright material.

The music industry, in a paper to the European Commission, gives a warning that "if dat is allowed to arrive on the market in an untimely and disorderly appearance, it might be the final blow to the recording industry."

It could also be a devastat-

ing blow to the recording and music royalties business. Sales of electronic home entertainment products have dropped by £500,000 in the past two years.

The EEC commissioners have promised to talk to the Japanese ministry of international trade and industry but, if the talks fail, the music lobby is likely to demand actions which may include calls for tariffs or import bans.

The industry is "currently ploughing a furrow between two crests of product development," according to a survey by Euromonitor.

Home computer and video sales have levelled off while the development of products which link with each other will not reach the market before the 1990s.

The sectors most likely to grow are television sets, video cameras and in-car entertainment. The home computer market appears to be at saturation point.

Sales in the small audio market - radios, recorders and Walkmen - peaked in 1984.

Phoenix Timber cash call

By Our City Staff

The Phoenix Timber Group proposes to raise £5.2 million through the issue of 7.26 million new 75p shares.

Morgan Grenfell will place up to 6.88 million shares with institutional investors. The directors will subscribe to a further 381,667 shares.

Phoenix announced the issue while reporting that operating profit was almost halved in the year to March 31, from £1.86 million to £966,000. After allowing for interest paid, the loss before tax was £973,000, compared with £81,000 last time.

There was also an extraordinary debit of £688,000, making an attributable loss of £1.46 million, almost double the previous attributable loss of £834,000.

Shareholders will be allowed to subscribe to 30 per cent of the shares being placed because the new shares will represent 71 per cent of enlarged ordinary capital. Applications received in the proportion of eight new shares for every seven held will be met in full.

Applications may, however, be made for additional shares subject to a maximum of 17 shares for every seven held, depending on how many excess shares are available.

The group's capital base has declined considerably over the past six years. In that period, shareholders' funds have fallen by £6.8 million from £9.9 million on March 31, 1980, to £3.1 million this year. The group's level of indebtedness is now two-and-a-half times shareholders' funds.

Structural Dynamics names new chairman

Structural Dynamics Research Corporation: Mr Ronald Friedsam has been made chairman, president and chief executive officer.

Expo System Service (UK): Mr Mike Rogers has been named managing director.

DRI Holdings: Mr Keith Payne has been made group finance director and finance director of Newbury Data. Mr Andrew Baxter has joined the board.

Swedish Match: Mr Torbjorn Nilsson has been named executive vice-president.

Thornton Investment Management: Mr Richard Thornton has been made chairman and chief investment officer with Mr John Patinos as managing director and Mr John Hawker, Mr Derek Woodward and Mr Gary Street as directors.

Allegheny International: Mr Thomas Albani has been elected an executive vice-president.

General Combustion (Europe): Mr Terry Henshaw has been made director, sales and marketing.

Schinvest: Mr JGG Brown and Mr D Farrall have joined the board.

London and Provincial Posters: Mr Chris Borkowski has become development director.

Dubilier: Mr John Newman has become finance director. Ultramar Golden Eagle: Mr John Auld has been made managing director, succeeding Mr Robert Walter who becomes senior vice-president, finance. American Ultramar: Mr Paul Thorne becomes sales director.



Ronald Friedsam

CV Home Furnishings: Mr Steven Wild has become chief executive and Mr Kieron Hunt has been promoted to financial director.

Robert Moss: Mr Peter Gell has become chairman with Mr David Harris as managing director.

Costain Group: Mr Ron Samuel has been named chairman of the group's engineering and construction operations.

Digital Research: Mr Stephen Tucker has been made director, European Development Centre.

Enterprise Oil: Mr Stanley Churchfield and Sir Brian Shaw have joined the board as non-executive directors.

CE Heath & Co (North America): Mr DH Newton is named chairman with Mr PJ Hughes as deputy chairman.

Mr AD Hender and Mr JL Leigh are made directors with Mr PEW Day and Mr AS Warwick as associate directors.

Epson (UK): Mr Nigel Foxwell has been named director, finance.

Hong Kong Club runs into the red

From Our Correspondent
Hong Kong

There is much embarrassment at Hong Kong's top club, where members have mismanaged finances to such an extent that the club is expected to run at a loss until 1990.

The members of the Hong Kong Club, the elite of the crown colony's business life, are in charge of the government, industry, and financial institutions, handling billions of dollars of other people's money.

They are still trying to work out where they went wrong, after entering into a deal with Hongkong Land which promised to pay for the redevelopment of the club in Statue Square and pay it 20 per cent of the rental of the 16 floors of offices it built above.

In return Hongkong Land received a 25-year lease on the premium office space with the whole building becoming the property of the club when the 25 years are up.

The club was to receive HK\$15 million a year, but Hongkong Land has managed to get only half the HK\$42 per sq ft it had expected and now the club is receiving only HK\$6 million a year.

Meanwhile costs have risen dramatically as the club has a staff of 238, costing HK\$13 million a year and a management fee linked to turnover.

The club has now decided to combine its HK\$26 million investment fund - carefully nurtured from HK\$4 million 25 years ago - with its general fund, using income from dividends and interest, and profits from sales of investments to support its income.

Hampton to build nursing homes

By Judith Huntley

Hampton Trust, the property company, has set up two subsidiaries - Hampton Health Care and Hampton Retirement Homes.

The decision to move into this sector of the market,

initially in the south-east, was based on the strong growth prospects it offers. The company sees it as a potential third profit centre along with property development and gold mining.

Hampton Health Care has bought the freehold of Hunt-

ers Lodge at Redhill, Surrey, an affluent area in the south-east. The lodge will be converted into a 30-bed nursing home for £1 million. There are plans for a 44-bed nursing and retirement home on land it owns at New Ash Green, Kent.

COMPANY NEWS

● **A JONES AND SONS:** Results for the half year to June 30 (figures in £000s) show turnover up at 11,431 (11,076), pretax profit at 201 (113) and earnings per share at 14.4p (9.0p).

● **SKERRE:** INTERNATIONAL: Mr Gordon Hay, the chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting that the management accounts for the first four months made him confident that the results for the half year would be ahead of the same period last year. "The outlook for the rest of the year is promising."

● **FLEMING ENTERPRISE:** An issue of £6 million debenture stock 2011/2016 by the company has been successfully placed at a price of £99.281 per £100 nominal.

● **COMCAP:** The company has concluded arrangements with the London Docklands Development Corporation to develop the 4.9-acre Brunel Centre site in the London Docklands Enterprise Zone, by undertaking to procure finance for completion of the development. Comcap intends to obtain non-recourse finance for a major proportion of this £30 million development.

● **INTERLINK EXPRESS:** The company has plans to join the Unlisted Securities Market via an offer for sale next month, sponsored by Laurence Prust and Co.

● **GRANADA GROUP:** Granada has further strengthened its position in third party computer maintenance through the acquisition of the SMS International group of companies from Total Technical Services for £4.7 million in cash.

● **LAURA ASHLEY:** The company will increase substantially the number of shops it has in West Germany, following the acquisition of seven leases from another English retail chain.

● **ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND:** The group has issued the remaining £100 million nominal amount of its sterling floating rate note due 2005. The issue has been fully subscribed. The notes now being issued complete the issue of £200 million floating rate notes due 2005.

● **FAI INSURANCES:** A bonus issue of 1 fully paid share for every 10 held, together with an increased final dividend of 2.5c making 5c (4.2c), has been recommended by the board. Results for the year to June 30 (figures in £000s) show sales revenue up to 284,729 (166,058) and pretax profit to 103,159 (36,536). Earnings per share rose to 72.71c (34.35c).

● **BARINGS:** Group profit of Barings PLC for the six months to June 30 was significantly higher than the group profit of Barings Brothers and Co for the corresponding period of 1985.

● **FORMINSTER:** The company has purchased for cancellation 10,000 ordinary shares or about 0.3 per cent of equity.

● **HALL ENGINEERING (HOLDINGS):** The company has agreed to sell its subsidiary, Gravity-Randall, to a subsidiary of John Mowlem.

● **IFECO HOLDINGS:** The company has acquired Marcon for £1,250,000 (£844,600).

● **UNITED GLASS HOLDINGS:** The company has agreed to acquire the assets and business of Canning Town Glass, a subsidiary of Arthur Bell & Sons, for about £10 million.

● **CRODA INTERNATIONAL:** Croda Application Chemicals has sold its Masterlube business to Freedom Lubricants, a subsidiary of the Hargreaves Group.

● **WICKES:** Interim dividend 0.83p (nil). Figures in £000 for half year to July 26. Turnover 66,877 (53,588), pretax profit 2,793 (1,484), tax 978 (475). Earnings per share 3.5p (3.0). The company believes that 1986 will be another successful year for the group.

● **STAT-PLUS GROUP:** Interim dividend 2p (1), payable October 1. Figures in £000 for half year to June 30. Turnover 3,648 (2,712), pretax profit 1,151 (675), tax 464 (283). Earnings per share 9.6p (5.5).

● **ARBEY PANELS INVESTMENTS:** Interim dividend 1.2p

(1), payable September 26. Figures in £000 for six months to March 31. Sales 6,535 (5,039), trading profit 641 (407), tax 329 (253). Earnings per share 15.52p (7.69p). The chairman, Mr E Loades, says "it is difficult to forecast to the year end, but he anticipates maintaining a similar level of performance."

● **THE TERN GROUP:** By September 1 (the first closing date), valid acceptances had been received as follows: Ordinary offer 1,590,923 shares (67.9 per cent), redeemable offer 100,000 shares (100 per cent), pref offer 634,620 shares (81.4 per cent). The acceptances represent a total of 74.5 per cent of the voting rights of the group.

At an emergency general meeting of Corton Beach the special resolution to approve the acquisition of the Tern Group was passed. The offer has been extended until 3pm on September 15.

● **SASOL:** Final 25c, making 45c (39p), payable October 14. Figures for year to June 28. Pretax profit: R1.19 billion (R844.3 million), net R575.4 million (R501.4 million), tax gain R487.3 million (R342 million).

● **EVANS HALSHAW:** Special interim dividend 0.72p, payable October 14. The board still intends to pay a final 3.35p in May, 1987. Figures in £000 for half year to June 30. Turnover 85,956 (74,601), profit before tax 1,333 (876), tax 413 (211). Earnings per share 8.9p (7). The second half has started well, and August deliveries of new cars are a record.

● **HYMAN:** Interim dividend 0.75p (same). Figures for six months to June 30 (comparisons amended). Profit before tax £813,049 (£834,946), tax £294,730 (£355,319). Earnings per share before extraordinary items 1.72p (1.88).

● **INVESTMENT AB BEJER:** Agreement has been reached for the company to acquire the shareholding in Forsinvest held by Forsinvest's two principal shareholders, AB Heves and Boliden AB.

● **GROUP INVESTORS:** The board has received an approach with the suggestion that it abandons the scheme of unitization and reconstruction and recommends instead a general offer to shareholders and option holders at a material discount to formula asset value. The board is convinced that the suggested general offer contains no advantage to shareholders either in the short or long term over the scheme.

● **NORANK SYSTEMS:** Interim dividend 1.5p (nil). Figures in £000 for six months to June 30. Turnover 847 (392), profit before tax 326 (90), tax 118 (36). Earnings per share 5.59p (1.74p adjusted). The chairman reports that trading remains buoyant.

● **FIRTH HOLDINGS:** The chairman, Mr I A Wasserman, says in his annual review that, for unforeseen circumstances, the board anticipates another year of substantial growth in profits and earnings.

● **REGENT MINING:** The company says that, in view of its involvement with its partner, Grants Patch Mining, in the large-scale acquisition of several large mining interests in the United States, it has sought extension of its reporting year. It anticipates that the annual report for the 18-month period will be available in November and that the annual meeting will take place early in December, 1986.

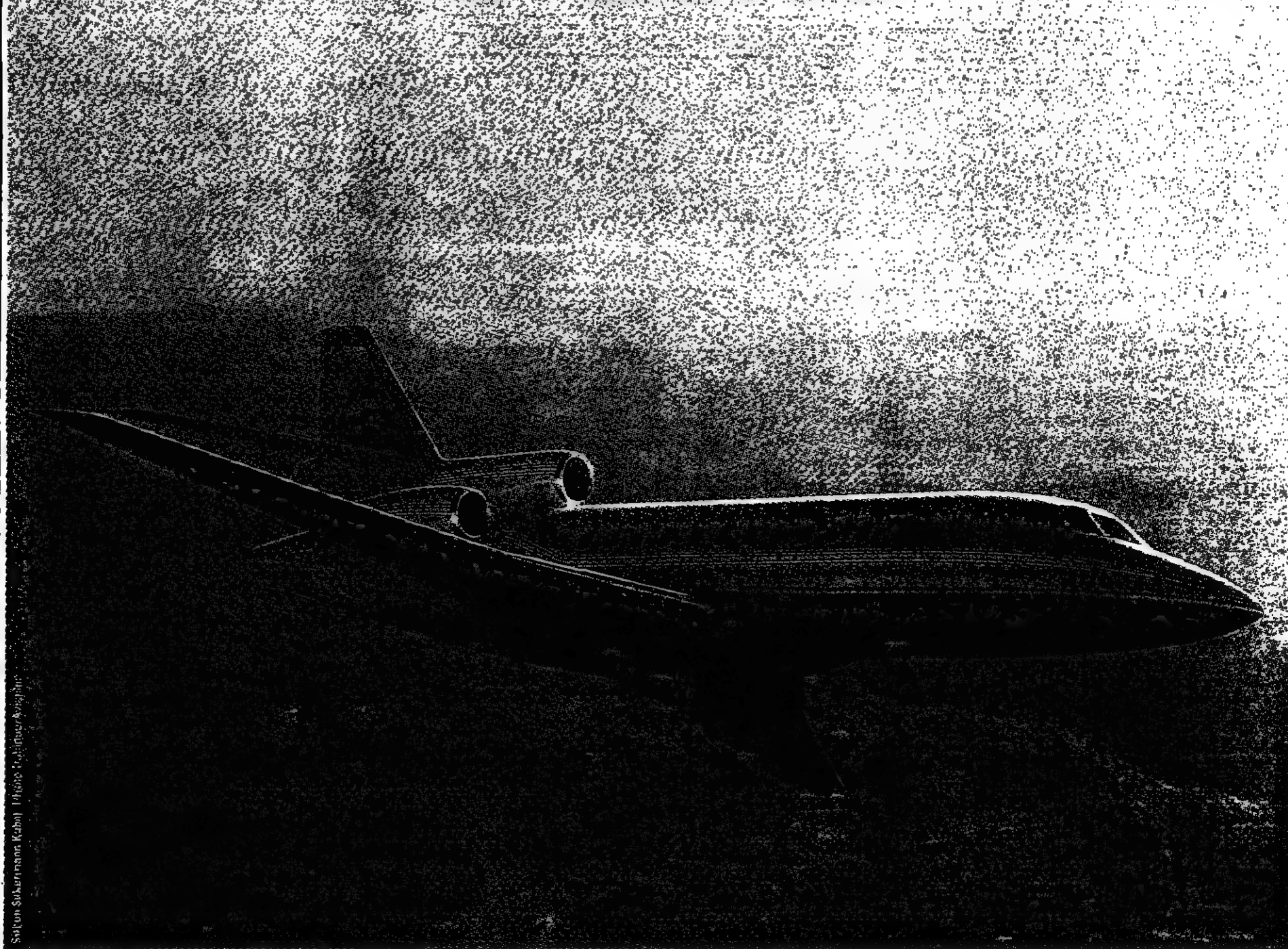
● **JAMES BEATTIE:** Figures in £000 for six months to July 31. Sales 23,436 (21,259), pretax profit 1,817 (1,623), tax 651 (663). Earnings per share 2.54p (2.19p).

● **REA BROTHERS:** Acceptances have been received in respect of 9,920,630 shares (73.1 per cent) under the recent offer of 8,095,887 8.6 pence convertible preference shares at 105p.

● **KEWILL SYSTEMS:** The chairman told shareholders at the annual meeting not to expect further growth in profits in the current trading year because of a shortfall in budget for the first four months. The directors remain optimistic about profits growth in the medium term.

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A good part in a storm: the new development of Craobh Haven in the west Highlands of Scotland

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A strong sou'westerly was sweeping the Sound of Jura and its grey, weather-worn islands, setting up a stampede of white horses against the Argyll shore. Stanley Hampton, marina director at Craobh (pronounced Croove) Haven, stuck his chin out into the wind with a relish. "Excellent," he said. "You know, people actually enjoy having a gale on their teeth. I wouldn't call it a selling point but it certainly doesn't seem to put people off."

Admirers of the Scottish west coast and inner Hebridean islands might be dismayed at such an assessment by a developer. Perhaps the chief defence for this superb, unspoilt stretch of coastline against wholesale development over the years has been the weather, helped perhaps by the ubiquitous Scottish midge and the traditional difficulty of getting anything built in the west Highlands.

Several factors have changed all that. Modern building techniques and central heating systems will allow houses to remain economically snug against hostile weather. The west coast of Scotland is becoming more widely recognized as one of the finest sailing grounds in the world and more people seem to prefer the variety and freshness that a constantly shifting weather pattern gives against the bland predictability of warmer climes.

One west coast enthusiast told me: "This is a meteorological battle-ground with fronts hammering into one another producing the most fantastic changes in colour and mood. In one week you can experience the doldrums and the Roaring Forties, all without warning; keeps a sailor on his toes." Indeed one Hebridean wiseman penned the lines: "Brave would be of soul who would supply a weather forecast for the Isle of Skye."

Into this unpromising tourist territory, about five years ago, rode Mr Hampton turrets known in Craobh as Hampton Court, but the main area of the village which is emerging is gathering the character of a west coast village. The building style is traditional west coast, with a few east coast intrusions. But with a few more years on the west coast, the grey slates once covered Glasgow tenements and Craobh Haven should develop into an unusual but perfectly acceptable Hebridean village.

But there is no danger of developing a neatly sealed middle-class community, artificially grafted on to the west coast of Scotland? Not so, Mr Child said. "We did make a mistake in carefully interviewing everyone wanting to move here and checking on what they were doing. That was wrong. They will stand or fall by the service they give and we find a remarkable cross-section of people here. The one important thing they have in common is that they want to live here in this kind of community."

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To handle this position effectively, you should have excellent social skills and the poise and confidence to deal calmly with all situations.

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Laing is hopeful of nostalgic victory with Meet the Greek

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

No three individuals would like to win the Be Hopeful Memorial Handicap at Bath today more than Peter Walwyn, Ray Laing and Alan Bailey. As trainer, head lad and personal groom they were the three responsible for the career of that remarkable old horse, whose memory this race honours.

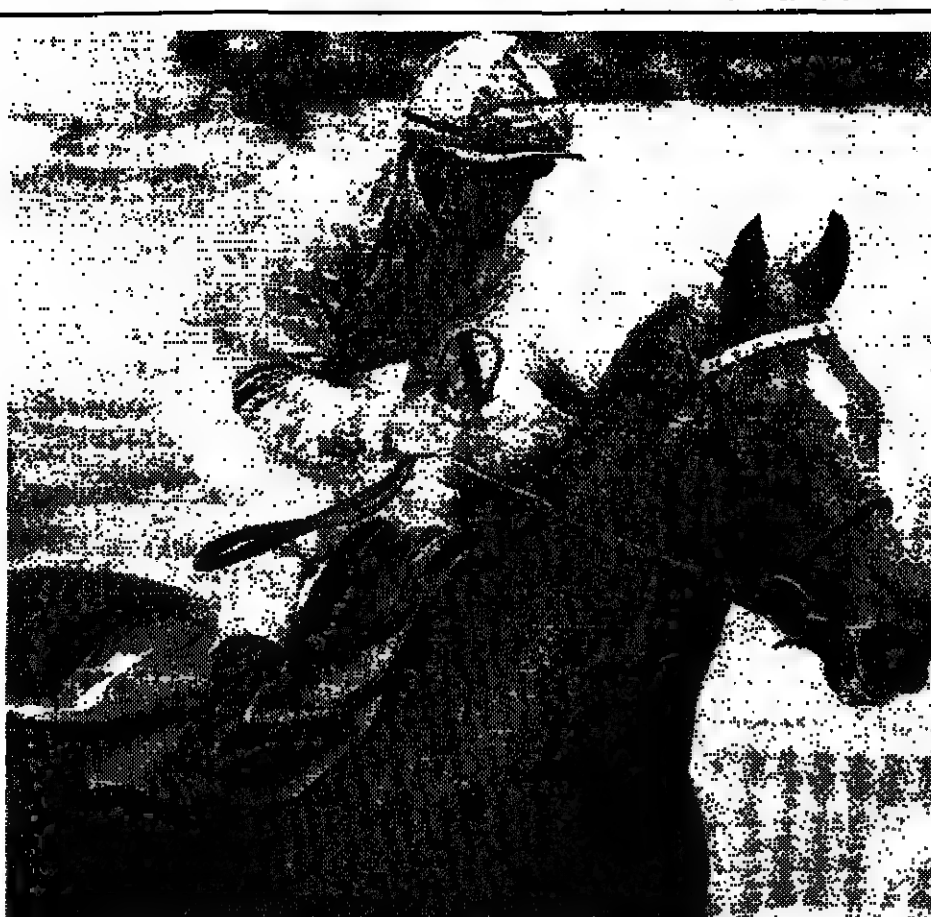
During 13 seasons Be Hopeful won 27 races, aged 14, he had to be put down on humane grounds after breaking a leg on the gallops. The irony of that was that hitherto he had never been unsound in his life.

For Bailey, his devoted lad, who also looked after such good horses as Lunchtime and Rock Ro before he turned his hand to training, that tragic day remains one of the worst in his life.

As a trainer Bailey has tried to win this particular race most years, but so far without success. In this instance he has a chance of realising an ambition with Below Zero but even he is the first to concede that, following those wins at Kempton, Salisbury and Haydock, Below Zero may well have a bit too much on his plate, now carrying 8st 12lb. I tend to agree.

Windsor Knot, somewhat unlucky when beaten three-quarters of a length by Canadian Star at Windsor last month, is Walwyn's hope of

RACING: THREE TRAINERS TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE CHASING A CHERISHED PRIZE AT BATH



Entrancing and Willie Carson team up for today's Strensall Stakes at York

bringing the trophy home to Seven Barrows.

But on this occasion I doubt whether even he will manage to beat Laing's runner, Meet the Greek. Beaten only a short head by Foot Patrol at Brighton last time out, Meet the Greek had previously finished second to Star Cutter at Goodwood.

Not surprisingly, the connections of Ininsky, who finished third that day, only half a length behind Meet the Greek, has declined to take him on again on 11lb worse terms, now that their horse is penalised for his recent win at Goodwood.

In going nap on Meet the Greek this afternoon, I am aware that he has little or nothing in hand of Portogon, judged on how they ran against each other in the Brighton Summer Cup earlier in the season. On that occasion they finished first and third with only a length between them.

Meet the Greek is preferred now because his record before and since is so much more dependable. Also, Portogon, who is a habitual front runner, is unlikely to have everything his own way as there are two others of that ilk in the field, Bold Pillager and Joyful Dancer, and between them they could cut one another throats.

No matter how he gets on with Below Zero, Bailey and

his jockey Ray Cochrane can feel the bull's eye at the end of the programme with Cry For The Crown, who does not look harshly treated in the Ladbroke Nursery, having run away with successive races at Ripon and Windsor.

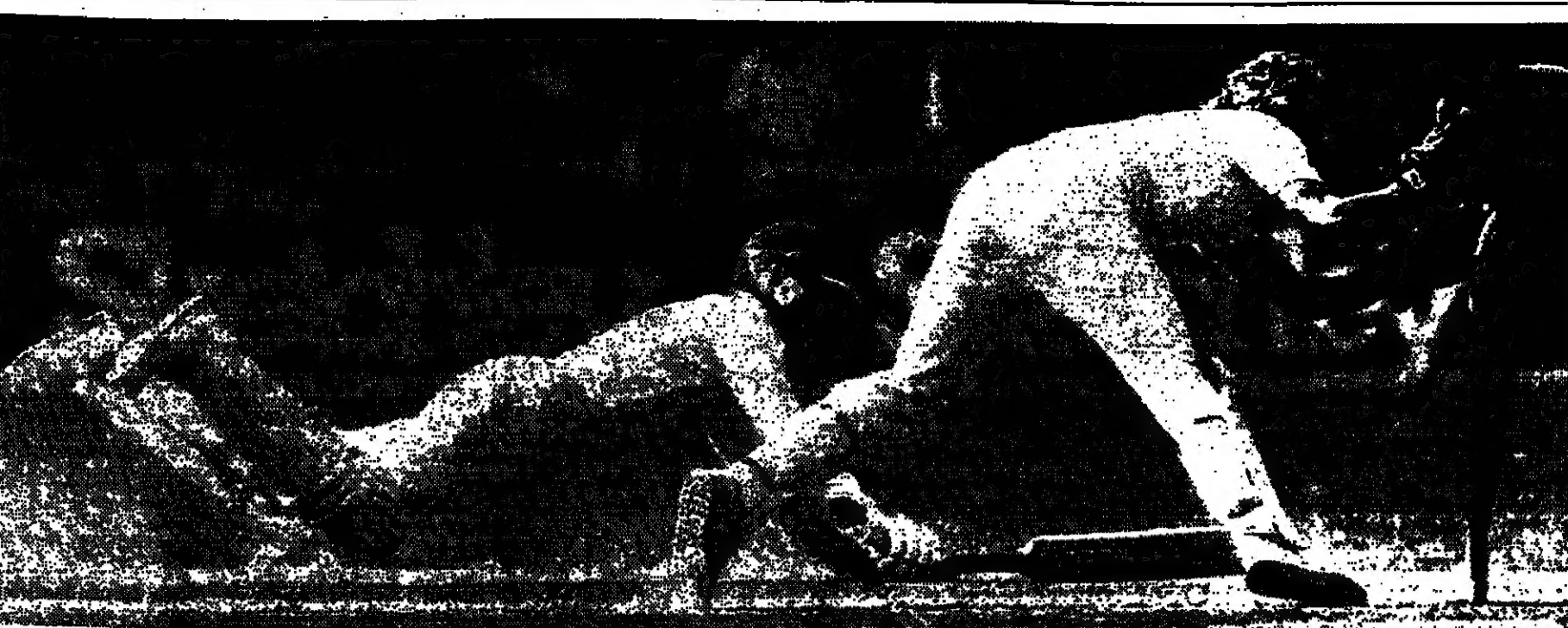
Northern Amethyst, beaten a length by Top Range at Sandown on Saturday, can go one better in the Pennsylvania Maiden Stakes and thus trigger off a likely double for the title chasing Pat Eddery, who looks set to win the first division of the Top Hill Filly Stakes on Tahilla, the emphatic winner of her first and only race so far at Newbury midway through last month.

Just Kala, about five lengths adrift in fourth place that day, now looks capable of beating Little Bolder and Attempting in the other division.

Hooray Lady, a four-day acceptor for their Bath race, runs instead in the EBF Avondale New Zealand Stakes at York and I feel that trainer Paul Cole's decision to venture much further afield from his base at Wistowcombe could well pay dividends. Hooray Lady also ran very well in that same Newbury race to finish sixth eventually after being sent back to the saddling stalls to be replated after she had lost a shoe.

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CRICKET: HAMPSHIRE MOVE INTO THIRD PLACE ON THE DAY ESSEX MAKE VIRTUALLY CERTAIN OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP



Diving for safety: Stephenson, of Essex, just makes his ground as Marsh, of Kent, whips off the balls at Folkestone yesterday. Report, page 36. (Photograph: Roger Vaughan).

England hit back to win

By Ivo Tennant

TRENT BRIDGE: England Young Cricketers beat Sri Lanka Young Cricketers by six wickets.

Some splendid batting by England's young cricketers, who had been outplayed on the first two days, brought them victory in the third and final four-day representative match against Sri Lanka. They hence won the series 1-0. Needing 257 to win in 415 hours, they batted with much confidence on a pitch that was still playing well.

The 10th successive title for Nankano, the 30-year-old Japanese superstar, was the emotional highlight of the night. In his last championship, he was defeated in the final by his successor and compatriot Hideyuki Matsui in two straight runs. Nankano rose consistently in his eight runs during the competition and only once went slower than 11 seconds for the timed first 200 metres, with a best of 10.57, a new world record.

Following his final lap of honour, the charismatic Nankano said: "I was happy to win again, but I was not satisfied with my times. I had hoped to get much closer to 10 seconds."

Freuler was an easy, but not popular, winner of the 500 metres. The 20-year-old Swiss was obvious to his two Swiss colleagues and the representatives from Liechtenstein and Belgium were working closely with Freuler to control the race, which allowed the tall Swiss rider to score maximum points in eight of the 30 sprints. He won by a wide margin from Michel Vaarten, of Belgium.

The amateur points final earlier in the day was a much more closely fought race with Dan Frost of Denmark scoring an equal number of points to Germany's Old Ludwig. But the Dane won the gold medal thanks to a higher number of first places in the sprints.

Ludwig, who will be one of the favourites in the amateur road race championship next Sunday, was the eighth medal winner for East Germany, winning clearly leading the medals table with four championship races to come.

MEDALS TABLE

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze
East Germany	3	3	3
West Germany	2	2	2
Denmark	1	1	1
Belgium	1	1	1
Switzerland	1	1	1
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FOOTBALL

Mexicans pay the penalty for World Cup failure

Mexico City (Reuters) — Two months after the euphoria of the World Cup, football in Mexico has sunk into a shambles of scandal, disgrace and disappointment. The host nation's timid attempt at penalty-taking in a World Cup quarter-final match against West Germany on June 21 was the beginning of the slide.

Mexico submitted like lambs before lions in the penalty shoot-out and failed to reach the semi-finals, the minimum achievement most Mexican supporters had hoped for. Then came the transfer to European clubs of two of the few crowd-drawing players left to watch in this country, the bustling forward Luis Flores to Sporting Gijón, of Spain, and the stylish midfielder player Manuel Negrete to Sporting Lisbon, of Portugal.

But "Mexico 86," with its colourful national flag, its drama, its Argentinian joy and Brazilian tears, became a distant memory on August 17 after one of the worst disasters ever seen on a football field. The scene, the giant Azteca Stadium, where Argentina's Diego Maradona hoisted the coveted gold World Cup on June 29. If, as they say, every stadium has a personality, the Azteca must have wept with sorrow on that black August Sunday.

The stadium was hosting the traditional annual "needle" match between two of the country's top clubs, the Goats (Chivas), from Guadalajara, and the Eagles of America (Aguilas de America), from Mexico City. The game is known here as "the classic of classics." But the 100,000 spectators saw little more than a chaotic needle match until the 72nd minute, when all hell broke loose on the pitch.

In a simple twist of fate, Fernando Quirarte, a full-back who scored two fine goals for Mexico in the World Cup finals, initiated the scenes that followed. He fouled his fellow World Cup player, Carlos Hermosillo, who promptly kicked his old colleague while Quirarte was still on the ground.

Antonio Marquez, the referee who had gained worldwide respect for his handling of his World Cup matches, sent off both players. But the grey-haired Marquez, for whom this was his farewell match, could scarcely have envisaged such an end to his career, not even in his worst nightmares.

Guadalajara players chased Hermosillo off the pitch and within seconds the turf was like a battlefield, with all the

players and substitutes from both sides joining in. A frustrated Marquez showed the red card to all 22 players, suspended the encounter and said a soured farewell to the game.

Mexico are used to crowd violence and their players are no angels. But the outcome of the classic of classics stunned football followers and brought outraged reaction in the Press. Mexico City authorities fined the Americas club more than \$1,000 (about £675) and the Guadalajara club more than \$300.

As controversy grew over the status of the suspended match result (the Eagles of America were 1-0 up when the incident took place) the Mexican Football federation announced this week that the remaining 18 minutes of the match should be played at a future date. None of the players shown the red card, however, will be permitted to play, giving both teams a chance to prove themselves, at least for 18 minutes.

As if the Azteca disgrace were not enough, Mexico's youth side were recently knocked out of the World Youth Cup in the qualifying rounds for North and Central America and the Caribbean. The news brought shocked and cynical headlines in the Mexican Press. The youth players were to have formed the basis of a side to run away with the senior World Cup in Italy in 1992.

The fact that such developing football nations as Cuba and Trinidad and Tobago went further in the qualifying rounds rubbed salt in the Mexicans' wounds. And so Mexican football is in the doldrums. 1986 World Cup memories stained.

All that remains are the specially-erected road signs pointing to the World Cup stadium, which some people now say are eyesores and should be removed, and the fading flags of the 24 competing nations painted on roadside walls to brighten up slum areas of the capital.

With their domestic football at an ebb, Mexican supporters are looking to their exiles in Europe, notably Flores, Negrete and the Real Madrid goalscoring machine, Hugo Sanchez, to restore their lost prestige.

A Mexican television station, which televised almost all Real's games last season, because of Sanchez, is expected to show most of them again this season, perhaps alternating with matches involving Gijón or Lisbon to give supporters a glimpse of the other Mexican kids-made-good.

Belgians blossom

Brussels (AP) — Belgian officials are hoping the national squad's outstanding fourth place performance in the World Cup will encourage the league clubs to bury several years of game fixing scandals, declining gates and hooliganism in a splurge of goals this season.

If coaches and players are prepared to play attacking football, then the World Cup will have a good effect. Michel D'Hooghe, the league president, said: "We now have a very good base to work on."

And FC Brugge, Anderlecht and Standard Liege duly obliged, winning 8-0, 3-1 and 5-0, all displaying attractive, open play.

It was good news for those who want to attract more sponsors and limit dependency on gates receipts. "Sponsors don't want to be identified with negative football," D'Hooghe said. "The masses will return to

the stadium and commercial interest will also increase if clubs continue to play open football," he said.

But Belgian clubs face a rocky road to success as their international players like Erwin Vandendriessche and Philippe Dierckx, the forwards, Jean-Marie Pfaff, the goalkeeper, and Eric Gerets, the defender, continue to be attracted by the money at other clubs throughout Europe.

Little has filled the void left by these national players. Shaky club management and declining gates in recent seasons have brought financial strain on many clubs.

Also, clubs have had to invest heavily to increase security in the wake of the 1985 Heysel Stadium disaster. But that does not worry Guy Thys, the national manager. "Our football has a positive reputation again. We can drop our false modesty," he says positively.

Lancashire's senior citizen retains his warmth for cricket in retirement near Old Trafford

Fifty years on Phillipson's fires burn brightly

In his 76th year Eddie Phillipson, the former Lancashire all-rounder and Test umpire, is as clear of eye and square of shoulder as any guardsman. At a recent reunion of former Lancashire players at Old Trafford during the Essex match, the opinion among those present — including the stripings, Cyril Washbrook and Winston Pile, in their early 70s — was that Phillipson is the senior citizen of Lancashire cricketers.

Living happily in retirement in Davyhulme, close to Old Trafford with his wife Elsie ("my interest in cricket was Eddie"), he demonstrated qualities of balance, tolerance and kindness that are in marked contrast to the fire that burned brightly in him as a fast bowler.

Like so many of his generation, his best cricketing years were given to the war and it is ironic that his only "Test" match was the final game in the Victory series in 1945, which was not elevated to full Test status. He had been told shortly before the war by his fellow Lancastrian, Tommy Higson, that "... you are the first reserve bowler for the

England side". Phillipson adds somewhat ruefully: "Then one of the quick bowlers broke down and they picked Austin Matthews for England."

He can also smile, with the vast sums earned by modern cricketers in mind, at the £1,750 which he received in 1948, his benefit year, but his memories are anything but bitter and his love for the game, to which he gave more than 50 years, is as warm and sincere as when he rushed home from Flixton Council School, grabbed a crust and went off out to cricket.

A successful school and club career eventually persuaded the authorities at Old Trafford to give him a trial, although he had to write in asking to be considered. In 1931 he was taken on the ground staff and in 1933, alongside a chunky, combative young batsman called Washbrook, he made his debut for the county. He went in No. 11 with the Lancashire score at 209 for nine against Sussex and put on 102 with his captain, Peter Eckersley. Phillipson's share was 27 and, as the couple started batting, the groundsman already had the roller ticking



Staying on: Foster will remain at Luton till 1989 and Nicholas till 1990

FIFA back penalty shoot-outs Scots backs up at English 'abuse'

Zurich (AP) — The knockout system used in the 1986 World Cup finals, including the penalty shoot-outs needed to decide some games, were an "essential and positive element of the championship," according to FIFA, football's world governing body.

FIFA indicated an early change in this sudden-death factor was unlikely, though acknowledging that it drew "substantial criticism." Josef Blatter, the general secretary, wrote in FIFA's latest monthly bulletin: "FIFA will examine the system. We feel however that generally it has proven to be worthwhile. Also the reputation of the World Cup finals is harmed if the system is changed each time."

Knockout competition after the first round was introduced in Mexico. Penalty shoot-outs, with sudden death after the first five shots for each team, were used to establish a winner after 90 minutes of normal time and two 15-minute extra periods.

Blatter ruled out replays or sudden-death play to decide matches, saying this cannot guarantee equal chances for participating teams. "The players are still the decisive factor in taking penalties," he wrote.

Greeks to boycott first game

Athens (AP) — Greek first division players voted yesterday to boycott the opening of the 1986-87 season this weekend to protest against a controversial new law restricting transfers.

The decision was made by the executive committee of the players' union, which represents the players of Greece's 16 first division clubs. A union spokesman said the players decided on a one-game boycott to protest against the transfer law, passed by Parliament last month.

Under the law, a player whose contract is up for renewal has 10 days to accept his club's offer or agree to a bid from another team. The player is bound to his club if it outbids the competing offer. Previously a player could become a free agent by paying his club 130 per cent of the contract renewal offer, the union spokesman said.

The spokesman said players from teams in Athens and southern Greece will gather in the capital this weekend to discuss the law, while those in teams from the central and northern part of the country will meet in Salonika.

Walsall, of the English third division, have been attacked by Tommy McLean, the manager of Motherwell, for abusing the transfer system. The Scottish premier division club have learned that their central defender, Graeme Forbes, whom they valued at £100,000, has walked out on them and is signing for Walsall.

Motherwell, who were first contacted by Tommy Coakley, the Walsall manager, who is a former Motherwell player, have offered only £10,000. "This is the worst abuse of the transfer system I have ever come across," McLean said. "It is cheating and abusing the whole system and has shocked us."

"I was contacted by Walsall on Saturday and advised them of the value we put on Forbes, which is £100,000. They have sent us a letter offering £10,000 and as far as we are concerned there was no attempt to negotiate a deal, which is what is supposed to happen."

The matter is certain to go to an international tribunal to settle the fee. "I am Frank McGarvey, the St Mirren forward, has shocked his club by asking for a transfer because he believes they are not ambitious enough. McGarvey, previously with Celtic and Liverpool, says he would be willing to return to England."

Jobs to go after Cup ignominy

Budapest (Reuters) — The Hungarian state sports office has criticized the football federation and said staff would be replaced because of the "fiasco" of the national team's performance at the Mexico World Cup finals.

Hungary failed to recover from a 6-0 thrashing by the Soviet Union in their first match and were knocked out after the first round. Gyorgy Meresz, the manager, resigned after a 3-0 defeat by France.

The state office said a study showed leadership errors, poor preparations and low morale. "A comprehensive evaluation of the preparation and performance was not made even after the failure in Mexico," it said. The office said the football federation would be streamlined and staff replaced next month.

The study reported that players showed symptoms of being overtrained at the finals and the team disintegrated because the players were in poor physical condition and lacked fight. The players were criticized for being too lax during practice sessions and in their private lives without fear of punishment, the study said.

and Hove Albion captain, returns from The Netherlands today, where he has been treated for a hamstring injury. The 26-year-old midfielder missed the opening two matches of the season but hopes to be fit to face Grimsby Town on Saturday after spending several weeks at the Amsterdam clinic of Richard Smith, the specialist who treated Bryan Robson, the Manchester United and England captain.

● Liverpool have rejected Norwich City's approach for the central defender, Alex Watson, the younger brother of Dave Watson, the England international, who recently left Norwich for Everton.

● Steve Foster, the Luton Town captain, and Peter Nicholas, the central defender, have signed new contracts with the first division club. Foster is now under contract until 1989 and Nicholas until 1990.

● Paul Crooks, aged 19, a 13-year-old striker, has only one finished lower than seventh and in the last six he has only once scored above par, and that by a single stroke. In the other five tournaments she has finished, successfully, seven under par, one under five, and six under and two under. For the six tournaments as a whole she was therefore 20 under par.

Free offer to Zurich supporters

Zurich (Reuters) — Standing room at FC Zurich's next home match will be free and some seat prices substantially reduced in an effort to attract more supporters and ensure the Swiss first division's survival.

Sven Hotz, the club president, said that there would be no charge on the terraces for the match against La Chaux-de-Fonds on September 13 and the cost of the cheapest seats would be reduced to 12 francs (about £5) from 30 francs.

"This is no gimmick. It is a matter of survival," said Hotz, a wealthy industrialist who regularly bolsters the club's finances from his private funds. "We cannot go on like this. We have to bring the spectators back. We hope that with substantial reductions in the price of seats we can lure them away from the standing room areas."

Ticket receipts for the same fixture last season totalled just 1,714 francs before taxes and the club was forced to provide hundreds paying spectators were present in the 26,000 capacity stadium. Attendances averaged 3,000 per match in the 16-team first division last season.

GOLF

Taste for success grows on Crosby

From Mitchell Platts, Crans-Montana

No golfer seems more at home rubbing shoulders with the rich and famous in this Alpine millionaire's playground than Nathaniel Crosby. Yet Crosby, aged 24, son of Bing and the former United States amateur champion, arrived here from the German Open clutching a £2,000 cheque with all the excitement of a pools winner.

The money might be loose change compared with the Crosby family's wealth. But it is a fortune to Nathaniel's pride as his joint nineteenth place in Düsseldorf lifted him among the leading 125 in the European Order of Merit for the first time this season.

Crosby, now 111th with winnings of £4,789, said: "I thought I was over the worst when I completed my first year as a professional in Europe last season by finishing third in the Portuguese Open. But I had an unsettled start this season, playing inconsistently, and one bad day in Australia sent me into a panic. More than anything, I just want to be a steady player."

"Golf has been my life since I was eight. I dreamed of beating Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer just like youngsters over

here dream of beating Severiano Ballesteros and Bernhard Langer."

"What I don't want to adopt is an attitude of 'if I can make it, I'm out here to see it through. I'm not a quitter. But it is so easy to get into a rut, you start to doubt yourself. I missed five half-way cuts in a row and that breeds bad thoughts. And if you don't grab hold of yourself, then you're as good as dead in this game. The result in Germany was a lifesaver to me."

As Crosby walked off the 18th green in Düsseldorf following a third round of 69, the former under-25 champion, Mike MacLean, said: "Not bad — seeing that you're under so much pressure!"

It was a light-hearted quip and Crosby smiled. But there is no doubt that he is motivated by the thought of challenging for the Ebel European Masters, which starts here on Thursday, as much as any other bright-eyed aspirant.

"I'm as hungry for success out here as anyone else," he said. "I've let myself down so far this season. But I like it here. I've made a lot of friends and I'm back in 1987 if I don't win my card at the US Tour school."

Neumann holds the aces

By John Hennessy

The Women's Professional Golf Association Tour returns to Scotland today for the first time since 1961 and brings with it an interest in the five leading Scottish professionals — Gillian Stewart, Muriel Thomson, Dale Reid, Catherine Fenton and Jane Connonachan. In the order they lie second, third, 11th, 15th and 6th in the Ring and Bryner order of merit.

A victory for any one of them in the Bowring Scottish Open at Dalnabarro would surely be accompanied by a patriotic skirl of the pipes on Saturday. But a number of formidable figures stand in their way, among them two Australians, in Corinne Dinah and Karrie Lunn, Laura Davies, of England, and most notably, Liselotte Neumann, aged 20, from Sweden.

Miss Neumann is the player of the year, realising in her second season as a professional the glittering potential she showed as an amateur. In 11 tournaments she has only once finished lower than seventh and in the last six she has only once scored above par, and that by a single stroke. In the other five tournaments she has finished, successfully, seven under par, one under five, and six under and two under. For the six tournaments as a whole she was therefore 20 under par.

Her consistency is such that in the last day's play in one tournament was abandoned) she was only four times over par. With six tournaments to play, Miss Neumann has already established a record for a season's prize-money. With £31,008 she has surpassed Miss Reid's 1985 record by £3,669. This is a Swede to savour while we may, because she is almost certain to try for her player's card in the United States next summer. Miss Neumann is clearly the player to beat in the next four days.

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SQUASH RACKETS

Williams set to tackle a new challenge

By Colin McQuillan

J P R Williams, the former British Lion and Welsh Rugby Union international, today takes his reputation against a junior champion as part of the celebrations to launch his country into the American Express National League.

Williams has taken up the sport seriously since hanging up his rugby boots, advancing into the later stages of national competition. Today, at the National Sports Centre in Cardiff, he meets Sarah Furry, aged 16, the top Welsh junior player, who already threatens the top five senior women.

The match celebrates the inclusion of Welsh League squash into the National League structure. John Petersen, the vice-president of American Express, said: "We added Scotland to the English counties last year and now we are bringing in the top Welsh club side for the final play-offs."

Wales has about 500 club teams and 2,500 players in 42 divisions of seven county leagues, which will lead into two regional play-offs. The northern champion club side will meet their southern counterparts for the Welsh place in the National Challenge finals.

Brands in chance in million

Howard Clark and Gordon J Brand will represent England in the \$1 million Dunhill Cup at St Andrews from September 25 to 28. Brand's namesake, Gordon Brand jun., will be with the Scotland side along with Sam Torrance.

The two qualifying places for each nation were decided at the German Open last weekend. The remaining member of each team will be chosen by the tournament's international advisory committee and announced on September 16.

QUALIFIERS: England: H Clark, Gordon J Brand, Scotland: Gordon Brand jun., Sam Torrance, Wales: Woodman, M Moulden, R Haffey, D Fehery, Italy: G C C. Hogan, Sweden: A Sallstrom, 4-44, 4-44.

● Ian Woosnam's fifth place in the German Open at the weekend and his win in the sixth and last qualifying place in the PGA European tour team for the Nissan World Championship of Golf in Tokyo from November 6 to 9.

Woosnam went into the German Open trailing Yorkshire's Gordon Brand by £3,721 but bridged the gap with a closing round of 66 and a cheque for £6,375. The six players who will be invited to form the European team will be headed by Bernhard Langer, who has won £347,520.

The others are Severiano Ballesteros (£304,183), Sandy Lyle (£154,250), Howard Clark (£104,223), Nick Faldo (£96,582) and Ian Woosnam (£91,558). The Nissan event, also involving six main teams from Japan, Australia and New Zealand and the United States, carries prize-money of \$900,000.

● Sweden's Mats Lanner has won the £500 Epson Shooting Star award for August by finishing second in the new PLM Open in Sweden and earning his biggest cheque so far on the European tour. Lanner, who is 25, collected £13,000, and moved up 74 places in the Epson order of merit, from 116th to 42nd.

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They launched a national scheme designed to find talent at an early stage, a few years ago. It paid off. Their Olympic super-heavyweight champion, Dean Lukin, is a product of this recruitment campaign. We have tied up a deal over three years with NatWest to sponsor the NatWest Schoolboy Weightlifting Association, Wally Holland, said.

"There is no other way to find talent but to go and look for it at an early age. We are short of both very small and very heavy boys. We hope to find them in schools," Holland added.

The contest will be open to boys and girls between 13 and 17 years of age, lifting in separate competitions. "We've opened the contest to girls as well because we don't want to discriminate. In fact, women's weightlifting is taking off fast."

HORSE TRIALS

Distinctive goes lame on Captain Phillips

By Jenny MacArthur

Only 24 hours after being included in the British squad for this month's Polish championships at Bialy Bor, Captain Mark Phillips has had to withdraw because of an injury to Distinctive. It is the latest setback in an extraordinary six-year run of bad luck for Captain Phillips who had to withdraw from the team for the world championships in May because the horse contracted a skin disease.

When the selection committee saw Distinctive on Monday the horse was slightly lame having injured a fetlock joint in training. It was decided jointly with Captain Phillips that it was inadvisable to risk any further injury to such a promising young horse, aged 8. His withdrawal means Distinctive has not competed in a three-day event since winning Chatsworth last October.

Captain Phillips's place will be taken by the Rodney Powell, himself no stranger to bad luck, with The Carphone Group's Cuckin of Rushall, Helen Ogden and Streetlighter have taken Powell's place as reserve. Powell had to pull out of the 1983 Young Riders testing and the 1985 senior European team because of injury to Pomeroy, his top horse. He is so used to disappointment that when the selectors asked if he would go to Poland, his immediate reaction was: "As a rider or as a groom?"

BOXING

New lease of life for Bugner

Sydney (AP) — Joe Bugner, the former European and Commonwealth heavyweight champion, expressed satisfaction yesterday with his fitness as he comes back against James "Quick" Tillis, of United States, on September 15.

Bugner, who lives in Sydney, will end a 30-month absence from the ring when he takes on Tillis. "I'm feeling as fit as I've ever been in my career," the 36-year-old Bugner said.

Bugner was unable to spar yesterday after badly bruising the ribs of his main sparring partner, Niko Degel, the Filipino heavyweight champion, at the weekend. Tony Fallang, a US-based trainer and world-rated cruiserweight, arrived here last night and will spar with Bugner in the 10 days leading up to his contest.

Johnny Lewis, the trainer, who also handles Jeff Fenech, the international Boxing Federation bantamweight champion, said he had been surprised by the decision to bring Bugner back. "Joe has had a lot of critics but he's never faltered while working with me and the improvement in his condition over the past few weeks has been amazing," Lewis said.

Bugner, never the most mobile of heavyweights, looked light on his feet while sparring yesterday. "I'm feeling much more mobile and everything is coming together for me," he said. "I've got plenty to prove to people, particularly my critics in Britain."

Bill Monday, the promoter, said that the Chicago-based Tillis, a former world title challenger who has a 31-7 record, would arrive here on Friday, giving him 10 days to acclimatise.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Search for the strongest boy in Britain

By Chris Than

NatWest has stepped in to help British weightlifting launch a nationwide recruiting drive among schoolchildren. "Frankly, we are trying to emulate the Australians," the secretary of the British Weightlifting Association, Wally Holland, said.

"They launched a national scheme designed to find talent at an early stage, a few years ago. It paid off. Their Olympic super-heavyweight champion, Dean Lukin, is a product of this recruitment campaign. We have tied up a deal over three years with NatWest to sponsor the NatWest Schoolboy Weightlifting Association, Wally Holland, said.

Weightlifting officials felt encouraged by the response to an early attempt to launch a similar contest. There were 2,400 entries last year compared to 3,100 this year, a remarkable increase of about 31 per cent. The winning schoolboys will be presented with medals, and all participants will receive diplomas. The winning schools will be presented with weightlifting equipment.

"There is no other way to find talent but to go and look for it at an early age. We are short of both very small and very heavy boys. We hope to find them in schools," Holland added.

The contest will be open to boys and girls between 13 and 17 years of age, lifting in separate competitions. "We've opened the contest to girls as well because we don't want to discriminate. In fact, women's weightlifting is taking off fast."



Phillipson: played in one Victory Test match

over in preparation for his between-innings duties.

It was the first fast-wicket century partnership at Old Trafford for Lancashire and the first for the county since Ernest Tyldesley and Ralph Whitehead put on 131 for the last wicket at Birmingham in 1914.

He still had to wait four years to earn a regular place in the county side but an increase in pace and control made his fast-medium outswingers in-

creasingly hostile and effective and the spectacular improvement in his batting was illustrated by a brave and accomplished hundred at Old Trafford in 1937 against Larwood and Voce.

Phillipson's philosophy of fast bowling might be profitably studied by a number of modern practitioners. "My king was Ted McDonald, though I only played against him in club cricket. I suppose I bowled around the same pace as Bill Bowes and like him I used the bouncer sparingly. You've got to keep a batsman looking out for it coming."

When the war came, Phillipson was well established as one of the country's leading all-rounders. In 1937, having missed seven matches through injury, he had taken 131 wickets and scored 896 runs, the nearest he got to the coveted "double".

He spent his war as a drill and PT instructor in the RAF but after it never quite recaptured his skill and fire as a bowler, apart from the final Victory Test match against the Australian services in 1945 in which he helped England to victory at his beloved Old Trafford. He took nine wickets

SPORT

Childs puts Essex on brink of their fourth title

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

FOLKESTONE: Essex (22pts) beat Kent (6) by 23 runs.

Essex won their first county championship in 1979. By beating Kent yesterday they made sure, to all intents and purposes, of winning it for the fourth time and for the first time under Graham Gooch. Having left Kent to make 184 to win in three hours (for a minimum of 47 overs) on a turning pitch, they bowled them out for 160 with 20 balls to spare.

Nottinghamshire, the only side with a realistic chance of catching Essex before yesterday, would probably not have been greatly impressed by Kent's performance. But Kent were under as much of an obligation to themselves to try and win the match as they were to Nottinghamshire to save it at any cost, and it was an entertaining day's cricket.

Essex took their chance very well. Technically, Nottinghamshire are now the only side that can catch them; but for that to happen Nottinghamshire would have to get maximum points from their last three games and Essex fewer than eight from their last two.

John Childs was again the Essex match-winner, taking his tally of wickets for the season to 89 and since the start of August to 53. Finding another helpful pitch he kept his head and his length and his line. At 35, he is having the time of his life, thanks not least to Fred Titmus, who took him in hand last winter, encouraging him to attack rather than be used to do, to bowl a little faster and run a little further.

For the first half of the day Kent were able to leave Essex to make the running, knowing that, as the championship leaders, they would not hesitate to risk defeat in the search for victory. Even so, it was two extravagant strokes, by Christopher Cowdrey and Dilley in the 95th and 98th overs of Kent's first innings, that gave Essex their fourth bonus point for bowling.

Gower steps down

David Gower is to be replaced as captain of Leicestershire. The 29-year-old batsman, who was relieved of the England captaincy earlier in the summer, has held the position since 1984, the year he was given the England leadership. Gower will receive a benefit from the county next year and Mike Turner, the club's secretary, gave that as the main reason for the decision.

Turner said: "In view of his likely involvement in Test matches next summer and the added commitment of having a benefit, I believe David should be given a rest from the captaincy. It is a combination of things that has led to this decision."

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Watford land their man

Watford yesterday completed the signing of the Everton midfielder player, Kevin Richardson, for a fee of £250,000. Richardson, aged 23, signed a contract and joined his new colleagues in training after being given the all-clear following a medical examination and X-rays.

Richardson, who had been at Goodison Park for seven years, had refused to sign a new contract because he wanted regular first team football. The Watford manager, Graham Taylor, said: "No-one can guarantee first team football forever, but he will stay in the first team against Wimbledon on Saturday."

Ashton villa, presently bottom of the first division, hope to have Garry Thompson, their £450,000 forward, back for the home game against Luton Town tonight. Thompson, who missed the 1-0 defeat at Queen's Park Rangers on Saturday with a hamstring strain, will have a fitness test today.

Andy Gray, who has not played this season following two knee operations during the summer, could also come in. Neale Cooper, Villa's £350,000 signing from Aberdeen, who has been out with a groin strain, plays in a reserve game at Sunderland.

Alan Hansen, the Liverpool captain, has recovered from the calf strain he sustained in Saturday's 2-1 win over Arsenal which means the League champions are likely to be unchanged for tonight's match at Leicester City. Mike Hooper continues in goal in place of the injured Bruce Grobbelaar.

Plymouth Argyle have rearranged their second division home match with Ipswich Town for Tuesday, October 21. The game was scheduled for September 9 but Ipswich requested a postponement because two of their players, Mark Brennan and Jason Dozzell, are in the England squad for the under-21 international against Sweden on the same day.

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Finns miss experience

Heisinki (Reuters) — Hannu Turunen, the experienced middlefield player, is missing from Finland's squad for the 1986 European championship qualifying match against Wales here on September 10. He is on crutches after suffering a leg injury but Martti Kuusela, the chief coach, is keeping open a place for him in the hope that he will be fit for the group six tie.

Kuusela sticks by the players who earned Finland a 1-0 win over East Germany in an international match last week. Squad: Kim Lankinen, Ossi Hatanen, Jari Hietanen, Ari Hietanen, Mika Lippinen, Jukka Nieminen, Esa Pekonen, Mika Pesonen, Raimo Rantanen, Pasi Tuusimäki, Markus Toivonen, Kari Ukonen, Ari Valtanen, Kari Virtanen.

Botham's all-clear

The final obstacle standing between Ian Botham and England's tour of Australia this winter was removed yesterday. A statement issued by the Test and County Cricket Board said that The Sun newspaper had announced it would not be lodging an appeal against yesterday's High Court judgement in favour of the Board's writing ban.

The TCCB have asked 35 candidates for the tour to agree to certain conditions. The publishers of The Sun, for whom Botham is contracted to write, unsuccessfully sought an injunction.

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MOTOR CYCLING

A debut for Suzuki by Mackenzie

Niall Mackenzie, who made a strong impact in the final three rounds of the 500cc world championship this season, will make his first British appearance on the factory Skoal Bandit Suzuki at the Shell Oils King of Thruxton meeting on Saturday. The Scot, aged 25, who finished a creditable 11th in the grand prix table, will race in two Shell Oils 1300cc races at the Hampshire track.

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ISLE OF MAN: Motor racing

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SNooker

Taylor's joy is short-lived

Jimmy White swept through a high class field to win the Camu Malaysia Masters in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. White beat the former world champion, Dennis Taylor, 2-1, in the final after Taylor had gained revenge for defeat in the China Masters final at the hands of Steve Davis with a 2-1 semi-final win over the world No.1.

White, the only British player in the field who is not a member of the Far Eastern tour organizer Barry Hearn's Romford Matchroom team, defeated the equally speedy Willie Thorne, also 2-1, in his semi-final. The British players now move on to Hongkong for the last leg of their Asian tour.

CYCLING

Capper to pay Tour fee

Tony Capper, owner of Britain's top racing team, should know in three weeks whether his riders will be allowed to compete in the Tour de France next year. Capper's Associated National Carriers company sponsored Britain's winning team in the Milk Race.

Now Capper, together with co-sponsors Halfords and Peugeot cycles, is ready to pay the £30,000 (£20,000) entry fee required by the Tour organizers. "ANC-Halfords Peugeot would be the first British professional team to take part in the race and Capper predicted: "Many peo-



Australian punchline: Turnbull clenches her fist as she knocks out the champion

Mandlikova's early exit as she falls to Turnbull

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, New York

Hana Mandlikova, who defeated Chris Lloyd and Martina Navratilova in consecutive matches to win the title last year, was beaten 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 by Wendy Turnbull in the fourth round of the United States championships on Monday night. Miss Mandlikova has not been stopped at such an early stage of the tournament since 1979 and it is 13 years since the women's champion has been dismissed so soon.

A twisted ankle interfered with Miss Mandlikova's preparation for the championships and in this match her confidence was sapped by the quality of Miss Turnbull's tennis, by the unusual experience of playing under floodlights and by a few line decisions that were not to her liking.

Miss Turnbull, aged 33, is less than three months younger than Jimmy Connors but, in the comparatively milder climate of women's tennis, she has not declined as far. She reached the US final in 1977 and the French final in 1979, losing to Miss Lloyd on each occasion. Miss Turnbull also advanced to the US semi-finals in 1978 and 1984. In recent years she has had some injuries, has put on a few pounds, and has been more prominent in doubles than singles. She has not won a singles tournament since 1983.

The line-up for the last eight was Miss Navratilova v Pam Shriver, Steffi Graf v Bonnie Gadusek, Helena Sukova v Miss Turnbull and Miss Maleeva v Mrs Lloyd. The first four men to reach the

same stage were Ivan Lendl, who had won all his four matches in straight sets (he likes to hurry back to his dogs at Greenwich, in Connecticut), Henri Leconte, Stefan Edberg, and Tim Wilkison. Lendl's next opponent will be Leconte, who struck his best form (the most exciting spectacle in tennis) in beating Aaron Krichstein 6-3, 7-5, 6-4. Wilkison, from North Carolina, is an energetic left-hander with an uncommon capacity for work. The rankings suggested that of the seven Americans with European opponents a round of 16 only Wilkison would win. Concentrating on getting to the net, playing on Andrei Chesnokov's forehand, and luring the Russian off the base line, Wilkison conceded only five games.

In the doubles, Mark Edmondson and Sherwood Stewart, combined age 72, beat the champions of Australia, Paul Annacone and Christo van Rensburg. Connors had gone down tamely, suffering from too many birthdays. But the older generation, Miss Turnbull, Edmondson and Stewart, were quick to launch a counter-attack.

The seedings were less remarkably confounded when Manuela Maleeva recovered from match point down to

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beat Claudia Kohde-Kilsch 6-2, 2-6, 7-6. The German's form has hit something of a plateau this year but she played well to lead 5-2 in the third set. At 5-4 Miss Kohde-Kilsch had her match point but served a double-fault. Like other unusually tall young women on the circuit, she often seems to lack self-assurance. The psychological implications are obvious.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Irish loss

Ollie Campbell, who played 22 internationals and scored a record 217 points for Ireland, has retired from representative rugby. He made his last international appearance in 1984 and has subsequently been troubled by illness and injury. Although now recovered, he has informed the Irish and Leinster selectors that he is not available for the coming season.

Graham clear

Herol Graham, the European middleweight boxing champion, was yesterday given the all-clear by doctors after a brain scan at the Royal Hallamshire hospital, Sheffield. He admitted himself on Friday after complaining of headaches, but after a succession of tests he was pronounced 100 per cent fit, his manager, B J Eastwood, said yesterday. Graham is due to face Tony Harrison, of the United States, in a 10-round contest at the Royal Albert Hall, on September 17. Eastwood is to meet Graham tomorrow to decide whether the contest should go ahead.

Double win

A newcomer, Keith Aiton, aged 27, made an excellent start in the Bombay Gin President's Cup croquet tournament at Hurlingham by defeating David Foulser, of Cheltenham, with an immaculate triple peel and the holder, Nigel Aspinall, in an exciting and closely-fought match. Steve Mulliner, who has won this tournament twice, also won his first two games.

RESULTS: First round: K Aiton bt D Foulser, +23 TP; N Aspinall bt J McCullough, +25 TP; J Walters bt J Guest, +17; S Mulliner bt P Cordingley, +17. Second round: Mulliner bt Walters, +16; Cordingley bt Guest, +6; Aiton bt Aspinall, +5; McCullough bt Foulser, +23.

King's crown

Betsy King scored a nine-under-par 63 in the final round of the Rail Charity Classic to force a three-way sudden death play-off, which she won at the fourth extra hole from Alice Ritzman and Cathy Kratzert.

Early start

Brett Clark, St Helens' new half back, who arrived in England yesterday from Sydney, is expected to play in tonight's Rugby League Stormers championship match at Salford.

Into Europe

Team Polycell Kingston, the Prudential National Cup holders, have been drawn against Racing Club Maes Pils, of Belgium, in the first round of basketball's European Cup Winners' Cup. Portsmouth FC will meet Sibenka, of Yugoslavia, in the first round of the European Korac Cup, and in the women's European Champions Cup. Stirling Crystal Palace will meet DBB Vienna.

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Caution for a man's game

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

It was a melancholy coincidence which saw a new rugby season open with the news of a player being jailed for violence on the field. At a time when all four home unions are more than ever conscious of the game's image the sentence passed on David Bishop, the Pontypool and Wales scrum half, subject though it is to appeal — could hardly have been timed worse.

The Welsh Rugby Union meet tomorrow to consider the case which was brought privately against Bishop by Chris Jarman, the Newbridge lock, who was the subject of Bishop's unwanted attentions during a club game last year. It can hardly be denied that Bishop has brought the game into disrepute and, in view of the hard line laid down on indiscipline by the Welsh Rugby Union last season, a severe if not permanent expulsion from the game may be debated.

But even allowing for Pontypool's less than genteel approach to the game, the problem of violence is one with which all four home unions have to deal. Last month a Midlands club player was banished from the game and, I understand, the case of a player who assaulted a referee was sent to the Procurator-General in Scotland before being referred back to the Scottish Rugby Union.

There will be a traditional school of thought which says that rugby is a "man's game" and should be left alone to deal with its own sinners; that if the spotlight fell this time on Bishop, others as guilty and more guilty than he have got away with it in the past. That is baloney. If a player cannot control himself in a game where physical violence is so easy to perpetrate he should not be allowed to play it.

Valley of the Mauls

Alan Jones, the Australian coach, whose second string crushed Thames Valley 31-7 in Australia's penultimate Rugby Union match in New Zealand in a game marred by fighting, complained about the home side's over-aggressiveness. They were understood to be angered by the Australians walking out of the small town's hotels because they were considered inadequate.

Those who played the game 30 or more years ago will tell you it was a far rougher sport but that incidents of foul play tended to go unreported and lacked the critical eye of television. A former colleague of mine used to complain that when football supporters broke up a train it was hooliganism but if rugby supporters did the same to a hotel it was high spirits.

Rugby in the 1980s does not permit such excesses. I believe there are other causes of assault on a rugby field going through the appropriate judicial procedures. The general public are so much more aware of their rights in law these days that if rugby players do not understand now that they remain culpable before civil authority they never will.

The governing bodies of the game must ensure that they do not relinquish control of discipline to the law courts. It has been said often enough in these columns that these cases of violence would not arise in such number if players who were known things — however charming and sociable many if they undoubtedly are away from the field of play — were not picked. The answer lies in the hands of national, regional and club selectors.

In other areas where the game has run up against contemporary social problems it has acquitted itself well. Drug-testing, for instance, which was virtually unthinkable 10 years ago, has been carried out on senior international squad members in England and Scotland. The numbers involved are not large and, as far as I am aware, no positive results have been obtained. In the case of the Scottish schoolboys parents will be kept informed at all stages but it is an area in which the sports councils of the various countries have been pressing governing bodies hard for action, and rugby has accepted the responsibility.

But it is worth bearing in mind that we are moving into the age of the rugby player as an athlete; that many national squads are being introduced to athletic techniques in their preparation for the game. If rugby can adopt some of the virtues of athletics it may also adopt some of its vices and the problem of drug abuse is one that the athletics authorities world-wide are desperately trying to eradicate. Rugby cannot say it has not been warned.

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